Present: Heather Hill (President), Jon Bright (VP), Dave Groff (Secretary), Bernie Martin (Treasurer), Jim Neale, Mark Kavit, Rebecca Quinn, Jesica Baker
Absent: Diana Filipi, Maureen Deane, Stephanie Bolton
Guests: Patty Myatt, Evelyn Boatwright, Jackie Lichtman, Marianne Starsia, Pam Bracey, Susan White, Jeanne McNerney, Jane Myers

Welcome and Call to Order (7:03)
Approval of Outstanding Minutes (7:04-7:06)
  • September minutes were approved, pending one deletion.

Treasurer’s Report (7:07)
  • Current account balance is $1,791.86.
  • Heather will send a targeted email to all past members who haven’t paid this year’s dues.

Old Business:
A. Steps Taken to Provide North Downtown Feedback for Independent Review: (7:08-07:12)
  • Heather met with Mr. Heaphy and expressed our neighborhood’s concerns about the City’s general lack of communication during this summer’s events. Similar sentiments were expressed by other organizations.
  • The report will be released tomorrow, with a press conference at 11:00.

B. Decisions/Status for MACAA PUD and STARS SUP (7:12-7:20)
  • MACAA’s PUD request was denied 5-0 by City Council in November.
    • A somewhat surprising outcome based on past meetings and conversations
  • STARS SUP request was denied 6-0 by Planning Commission. It will be discussed by City Council on December 4. A full report is on the City’s website.

C. East High Streetscape Project - Neighborhood Representation (7:20-7:23)
  • We may have a neighbor willing to volunteer. Rebecca will contact them and then report back via email.

D. Upgrading and Maintaining Website (7:23-7:32)
  • We need to convert our current website to a new format.
    • A “professional” website is likely out of our price range, as it’s likely to cost upwards of $1,000.
    • A few years ago we used a grant from NDS (approximately $500) to upgrade our site. This may be an option again.
    • Jackie Lichtman volunteered to maintain a new site, though she isn’t able to upgrade the old one.

E. Neighborhood Projects (7:32-7:35)
  • Rebecca wants to put together a list of potential projects that NDRA can spearhead.
  • There is likely an early spring submission deadline to receive City funding.

New Business:
F. Board Involvement in Neighborhood Issues (7:35-8:18)
  • How should we respond as an association when important events require action?
  • Should we take a position regarding events outside of our neighborhood?
    • How far outside of our boundaries?
  • Should we be more involved with the preservation of historic structures?
  • Do we need to poll the NDRA distribution list every time a controversial item comes up?
    • Due to modern technology and the age of our constituents, this is probably unfeasible.
    • Pam Bracey told us about NDRA’s history regarding development, preservation and activism.
  • We will try to make more of an effort to solicit neighborhood input via NextDoor’s website.

G. Recap from October Neighborhood Leader’s Meeting with City Manager (8:18-8:29)
  • Several topics were discussed, including:
    • Riverbend Project in Belmont - traffic and parking issues were a big concern.
    • Belmont Bridge traffic patterns.
    • Johnson Village assault - neighbors want targeted communications from the city to inform them of ongoing events and potential safety issues like this.
    • Bikes and skateboards on the Downtown Mall.
    • Affordable housing issues.
H. Revisiting Officer Elections (8:29-8:38)

• Heather will resign as President and from the Board of Directors, effective immediately.
• New Board members are needed. We have a few volunteers, but how do we get them to formally join after missing the vote at the Annual Meeting?
• John Bright was unanimously elected as President.
• Jim Neale was unanimously elected as Vice President.

Next NDRA/North Downtown meeting Thursday, January 25th, location TBD