

Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association

Board of Director Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2010

Attending:

Catherine Turrill, Hal Edmonds, Greg Smith, Asha Jennings

Absent:

Margaret Buss, Tom Martens, Julianne Richards

Regular Business

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Directors approved the minutes from the February 2010 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Our financial balance is good. The Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association dues continue to come in. There were not too many expenses during the last month. We did have a more expensive printing of Park Beat than usual.

The new bank is going fine. Hal had to get new checks, and a new stamp. He still has the Sponge Bob Square Pants checkbook cover for the Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association's checks.

Catherine asked about receipts for reimbursing expenses. Hal said that if the expense is more than \$25, you should have a receipt to be reimbursed.

Membership Report

Sally says we have 84 households and 137 members. It would be nice to know how this compares to last year. It would also be nice to know how many people are in the neighborhood, and what percentage of those are members.

The Board discussed the wording of the membership notice in the Park Beat. The way the notice is worded now, it confuses people about how much to pay for an annual membership. The Board agreed that a membership would be \$15. This would entitle the person to vote in the Association. There would not be "household memberships." If two adults were members in a household, then both could vote. Memberships would only be for adults, not for children. There may be special cases where a person cannot afford this amount, in which case the Board will make exceptions.

The Board agreed to provide the opportunity to become a member of Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association at the events it holds, such as the spaghetti dinner. We could have a membership form and people could pay at the event.

Preservation Report

The City did not provide the Board with any remodeling notices in the neighborhood.

The Board discussed the Goethe House. This house was designed by Julia Morgan and given to CSU Sacramento. CSU Sacramento used it for hosting events, and rented it out. With tight budgets, CSU Sacramento has decided it to remove the house from use. It is not know what will happen to the Goethe House.

Park Beat Newsletter

Catherine suggested writing an article about historic homes, using material from the walking tours.

Catherine had received one inquiry about researching the history of your own home in response to the electronic version of the Park Beat. Catherine suggested she write an article about how to research the history of your home. This article might be too long for a single piece in the Park Beat, and therefore could be a series of articles.

Sally will continue to provide membership information in the Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association.

Catherine will ask the Friends of the River Banks and Friends of Grant Park for updates.

William Berg has already submitted an article for the Park Beat.

Hal offered to write an article about the City's graffiti task force.

Margaret agreed to write an article on Time-Tested Books at the February Board meeting. This article will be used in the next issue of Park Beat.

Margaret agreed to write an article competitive stacking and a youth group. This was a demonstration she had seen in January's Neighborhood Advisory Group meeting. This article will be used in the next issue of Park Beat.

Catherine has an article on urban farm stands for the next issue of the Park Beat.

The Board agreed that we probably did not need a real estate article in the next issue of the Park Beat.

Catherine said that Steve Cohn's newsletter had some information on composting workshops. Perhaps we could reprint this information in the Park Beat.

Catherine contacted Yes for Youth and left them a message. They have not returned Catherine's telephone call.

Asha got an inquiry from a company that modernizes windows and wants to advertise in the Park Beat. The Board agreed to inform this company about the historic preservation guidelines on repairing windows. It is likely that this company would not get any business in the neighborhood because of these guidelines.

On May 16th, the Grateful Dog will hold a fund raiser for the Sacramento SPCA. They will wash your dog for free. Any tip you leave will be donated to the Sacramento SPCA. The Board agreed to print a notice for this event in the next issue of the Park Beat.

The Board discussed other businesses in the area. We would like Sampino's to advertise in the Park Beat and tell everyone what days and hours they are open for business. Catherine also suggested an article on the history of New Roma Bakery.

Asha suggested writing an article on the different types of homes: Victorian, Craftsman, Tudor, etc. Catherine said there was something already written on this by SOCA by William Berg, and perhaps we could use that.

The Sacramento Cemetery does theme tours. Catherine suggested perhaps the Board could work with them to develop a theme tour of original Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association residents.

The next issue of the Park Beat should have a teaser for the yard sale.

Should the next article have something on the planned general meeting in May? The Board agreed that we will not have a general meeting in May.

The Board discussed getting volunteers for various events. It is probably early for the spaghetti dinner. Hal expected the regular volunteers to help out with the Pops in the Park event.

Action Items

Articles Margaret said she would be responsible for:

- ❖ **Competitive stacking at the Neighborhood Advisory Group meeting in January**
- ❖ **Time-Tested Books**

Articles Catherine said she would be responsible for:

- ❖ **Historic Home**
- ❖ **Researching the history of your home**
- ❖ **Friends of the River Banks and Friends of Grant Park**
- ❖ **Urban Farm Stands**

Articles Hal said he would be responsible for:

- ❖ **Graffiti**

Agenda Items

Councilman Steve Cohn's Lunch

Greg reported on the lunch with Councilman Steve Cohn on February 8, 2010 at City Hall. Many neighborhood associations attended the lunch, with a lot from East Sacramento. Councilman Cohn asked each association to identify two or three issues that were important. Greg identified medical marijuana clinics, McKinley Village and Sutter's Landing. Many of the neighborhoods had an issue with green waste pickup (the can vs. the "claw"). In many areas of Sacramento, the can will not work because of the volume of green waste in the autumn.

Greg sent out the notes to the Board that Councilman Cohn's staff wrote up from the meeting.

The Board agreed that it would be good to contact neighborhood associations near Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association.

Action Items

Greg will contact Councilman Cohn and get the contact information for the near-by neighborhood associations.

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Anti-Graffiti Meeting

Hal reported on the anti-graffiti task force meeting on February 28, 2010 at the District Attorney's office. The City is serious about controlling graffiti, especially if the graffiti has gang or racial messages. You can dial 311 to notify the City, or file a notice on the web page

<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/code/forms/graffiti/>

If you file on the web page, the City would like you to take pictures of the graffiti and upload them. The City tracks taggers. If the tagger is caught and the City has records of what the tagger has done, the tagger can be held responsible for more than a single tagging incident.

The City will try to respond to a graffiti complaint in 24 hours. They will drop off color matched paints if the graffiti is on City property and you want to eliminate it. If the graffiti is on private property, the City will notify the owner.

The anti-graffiti task force meets periodically. The next meeting is March 24, 2010.

Mardi Gras

Matt Valine provided the music at the Mardi Gras party. The Board agreed to write a thank you note to Matt, and get him a gift card to the Beat.

The Mardi Gras party will probably not happen again unless someone takes the lead on this. This event does take some work to plan and organize, and the Betzing's are not usually around.

The Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association collected \$325 plus change from the Mardi Gras party. The Board discussed buying bikes for children at Washington School with the money. When we talk of buying a bike, we mean a bike, a bell, a lock and a helmet. In the past, the Board has purchased 20" Huffy bikes from Wal-Mart, usually two boy's bikes and two girl's bikes.

The Board agreed to contact the principal of the Washington School, and involve the principal in the decision about how many bikes to buy. The Board was willing to match the money raised at the Mardi Gras party to purchase bikes.

SOCA Home Tour

SOCA is planning it home tours this year. The home tours will be of some high water bungalows on Q and 25th, near Winn Park, on September 19, 2010. Last year the home tour was in Boulevard Park, so Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association was very involved with the event. This year, Clark Mildenhall is the main contact for volunteers. His e-mail address is clark-temp1@comcast.net.

Spaghetti Dinner

The spaghetti dinner is a large event, and we should start planning soon.

Catherine said that the person in charge of cooking the spaghetti sauce was getting tired of doing this. Greg will check on this.

We need to secure entertainment for the spaghetti dinner. Greg will check with Pete Bransom and Sally about the entertainment from last year.

Action Items

Greg will talk to the person who was in charge of the sauce last year, and see what the person would be willing to do this year.

Greg will talk Sally and Pete about entertainment for the spaghetti dinner.

Scofflaws and Traffic Diversions

Jon Marshack wrote an e-mail to Councilman Steve Cohn about people ignoring the traffic diversions at the intersection of H and 21st streets. The Board agreed this is an issue that will not be resolved quickly. It is an issue that we will keep on the agenda and monitor over the next few months.

Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on April 7, at the home of Tom Martens.