

Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association

Board of Director Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2010

Attending:

Asha Jennings, Greg Smith, Julianne Richards, Margaret Buss, Tom Martens

Absent:

Catherine Turrill, Hal Edmonds

Regular Business

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Our financial balance continues to be good. There were revenues from the Mardi Gras party and Park Beat advertising. There were expenses for the Mardi Gras party and publishing the Park Beat.

Park Beat Newsletter

Pat Cosentino wrote an article about graffiti.

Catherine will reprint an article from William Berg about historic homes.

Margaret has not had time to write an article on Time-Tested Books. She will try to write it for the May issue of Park Beat.

Julianne said there are lots of interesting people in the neighborhood, and it would be fun to have articles about the. Julianne will draft something up, and Asha will help her edit it.

Asha will write an article about soliciting articles.

Asha will write an article about volunteers, as a teaser for the Yard Sale, Pops in the Park and the Spaghetti Dinner.

We will ask Hal to write up something about the donation of bicycles to Washington School.

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.

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

The deadline for articles is April 15, 2010.

Action Items

Articles Margaret said she would be responsible for:

- ❖ **Time-Tested Books**

Articles Catherine said she would be responsible for:

- ❖ **Historic Homes**
- ❖ **Friends of the River Banks and Friends of Grant Park**

Articles Hal would write:

- ❖ **Donation of bicycles to Washington School**

Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association Web Site

The Board talked about the web site for the Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association. Pete Bramson has been the person responsible for the web site. Margaret said she would talk to Pete and see if he wanted to pass the responsibility to someone else. If so, Tom agreed to take on responsibility.

Agenda Items

Problem Neighbors

Catherine received a letter from someone in the neighborhood asking for help about renters in a nearby house. The material provided to the Board included some documentation of disturbances, and a letter from a lawyer to the building's owner. The Board did not know what groups had been contacted. Suggestion included code enforcement, the Neighborhood Response Team, and the Neighborhood Advisory Group. The Board felt this might not be an appropriate issue for it to take a stand on. And if it did take a stand, the Board would want more information.

The Board will ask Catherine to contact the person who wrote the letter and explain that City services are the appropriate avenue for this complaint.

Many on the Board have experienced problems neighbors, and we do not have a solution. The POP program has been canceled. Neighborhood response has been diminished, with a priority for code enforcement. This appears to be a larger problem than a single house.

One suggestion was to have the police come talk to the Board about what to do in these situations. This suggestion morphed into the idea that the police might come talk to a general meeting of the association, not just the Board. Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association might sponsor a general meeting and BBQ in the common area in back of Tom's house some evening. In addition to the police, it would be nice to have other representatives from the City there, such as Steve Cohn and code enforcement.

The timing of this event would be late spring or early summer. In June, there is the yard sale and Pops in the Park. Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association no longer has a July 4th party. The next scheduled event is August night out. July might be a good time for this meeting.

Action Items

We need to decide on a date for this event.

Greg will contact Sue Brown at Councilman Cohn's Office and invite them.

Letter to City from Midtown Neighborhood Association

The Midtown Neighborhood Association sent a letter the City asking about the status of committees set up by the Midtown Business Association. Last year, the Midtown Business Association set up 5 committees to address issues of residing in and doing business in midtown. Since then, only one of the committee has met; and then for only one meeting. Midtown Neighborhood Association would like to see the committees fulfill their missions.

The Board supports the Midtown Neighborhood Association's position. Margaret agreed to draft a letter to the City in support of the Midtown Neighborhood Association.

Action Items

Margaret will draft a letter to the City in support of the Midtown Neighborhood Association for the Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association.

Urban Farms

Urban farms are staying in Mansion Flat.

Spaghetti Dinner

The spaghetti dinner is a large event, and we should start planning soon. We said this last meeting too.

We talked about entertainment. In previous years, there have been hay rides, magicians and music. Pete Bramson found a band that might be good. The Board did not know if a Band would be appropriate, or could be afforded. Maybe the entertainment could be a combination of a magician and the band. The Board would be willing to provide complementary dinners for the band, and free add space in the Park Beat.

Action Items

Margaret will talk to the Pete about the Band.

Greg will talk Sally and Pete about previous year's entertainment for the spaghetti dinner.

Yard Sale

No one appears to be in charge of the yard sale this year. Dave Phillips has done it in the past. The Board should talk to Pat Cosentino about using his garage this year. We need to figure out the number of volunteers we will need, the number of signs, and such.

Action Items

The Board needs to find someone to be responsible for the yard sale.

Other Business

The Neighborhood Advisory Group meetings are the third Monday of the month at the Hart Center.

April 17 – the community garden is having an open garden / open house.

Asha will not be able to host the October meeting. Julianne agreed to switch with her. Julianne will host the October meeting. Asha will host the November meeting.

The Board would like to acknowledge the volunteers, Block Captains and Green Thumb Brigade at the end of the year. To do this, we will need to keep track of all the people that help with events and participate this year. The Board agreed to acknowledge businesses that advertise in the Park Beat too.

Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on May 5, at the home of Asha Jennings.