

## **Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association**

### **Board of Director Meeting Minutes**

**May 5, 2010**

#### **Attending:**

Catherine Turrill, Hal Edmonds, Asha Jennings, Greg Smith, Julianne Richards, Margaret Buss

Also attending was Amber Schmaeling, the Outreach Manager of the Midtown Business Association.

#### **Absent:**

Tom Martens

### **Regular Business**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

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

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Our financial situation did not change much since last month. Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association had one withdrawal and one deposit.

There is still an on-going issue with the IRS and the non-profit status of Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association. This is mostly paperwork and bean counting. Hal expects this to eventually resolve itself.

#### **Park Beat Newsletter**

We will put in a notice about Pops in the Park.

We will put in a notice about the yard sale in June.

Jill (unknown last name), the manager's of Talini's Nursery, would be willing to write up a periodic garden checklist. Julianne has talked to her about this. Julianne will get the first checklist to Asha.

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

There will not be an article on competitive stacking.

Julianne suggested an article about Sam Tubiolo. He is a ceramic artist at American River College, and Julianne's neighbor. Julianne will get an article to Asha.

Catherine will write up an historic house profile.

If needed, Catherine will write up tips on researching the history of your house.

Catherine said there might be another article from William Berg on historic house.

We might also want to put in an article about why Boulevard Park is on the national register.

Other tidbits for Park Beat:

- ❖ The old house tour next year will be in New Era Park.
- ❖ August Night out on August 3, 2010.
- ❖ Screen on the Green schedule.
- ❖ California Auto Museum Classic Auto Show on July 31, 2010, between I and L Streets, and 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Streets.
- ❖ Encouraging people to vote this June

The Board discussed a future article about the community garden. Amber took some pictures, and will send them to Catherine for the article.

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

The deadline for articles is May 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**
- ❖ **Get the particulars about the old home tour to Amber.**

**Articles Julianne would write:**

- ❖ **Getting a garden checklist from Jill, the manager of Talini's.**

❖ **An article about Sam Tubiolo.**

There is some concern about the printer for Park Beat. In the near future, we may want to change printers.

The Board discussed advertising in Park Beat for Darby and Catherine. We would not to give one person free advertising without providing both people advertising.

## **Agenda Items and General Discussion**

### **Green Thumb Brigade**

The main problem Margaret foresees is watering in the summer. This is not so much a problem now because kind neighbors let the brigade members use their hoses. When midtown residents are charged for the volume of water they use, watering in the summer may become a problem.

### **Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association Yard Sale**

Catherine said she would be in charge of this year's yard sale.

This will be a pricing party the day before the yard sale, on Friday, June 4, 2010.

We will need to put a notice in the Sacramento Bee and the Sacramento News and Review. There will be DVDs, books, children's clothing (no adult clothing) and furniture.

We will need to put up signs.

Margaret talked to Pat. He is willing to participate this year and to volunteer his garage.

Margaret said she would help out on the cash register.

### **Action Items**

**Margaret said she would be responsible for:**

- ❖ **Asking Dave what he did for the yard sale in previous years.**

### **General Meeting in July**

The Board agreed to hold a general meeting on Saturday, July 17, in the green space behind Tom's house.

We will ask the City to talk about code enforcement, graffiti, and what to do about noisy neighbors.

## **Action Items**

**Greg said he would be responsible for:**

- ❖ **Contacting Steve Cohn's Office (Sue Brown) and inviting city department to the general meeting,**

## **Boulevard Park Neighborhood**

The Board discussed street lighting in midtown. The lighting has been improved by grants from Steve Cohn's office. The neighborhood tried to assess itself for street lighting in the 1990's and did not succeed.

Midtown Business Association is advocating that businesses leave on their lights, and possibly put lights in alleys.

## **Action Items**

**Julianne and Amber will be responsible for:**

- ❖ **Developing a welcome package for new neighbors.**

## **Winn Park Letter**

The Board discussed the a letter of support for Winn Park Neighborhood Association. Winn Park Neighborhood Association wrote the City about the lack of progress of working groups of the Midtown Business Association. The Board agreed to write a letter of support for Winn Park Neighborhood Association. Comments from the Board are due to Catherine by Wednesday, May 12, 2010.

Amber said Midtown Business Association is trying to increase safety in midtown. Some of the issues are lighting, the residential – business boundary, gangs and the homeless. The homeless need more care than the City can provide on the street. The faith community has stepped up to help the City.

The Board agreed that midtown needs more retail and a bit less entertainment.

## **Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association Web Site**

Margaret Buss tried to contact Pete Bransom, but could not get a hold of him. Last time Tom agreed to manage the website is Pete wanted to give it up. Julianne also suggested managing the website might be a way to get other people involved in Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association.

## **Spaghetti Dinner**

Pete suggested the band, Boulevard Park, and his friend the Mad Scientist. We want the entertainment to target the kids, and do not know what kind of music the band plays.

Greg has contacted Pete, but has not heard back from him.

### **Action Items**

**Greg said he would be responsible for:**

- ❖ **Contacting the people who volunteered last year and see if they want to help out again this year.**

### **Preservation Report**

There is no news. The next meeting will be in June.

### **Other Business**

Greg and Julianne volunteer to help out with Pops in the Park.

The Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association will give bicycles to children at Washington School on June 4. Hal did not know the time. Catherine and others on the Board would like to attend.

There was a Jane Jacobs walking tour of the neighborhood in Oak Park, Winn Park and Mansion Flats. No one from the Board attended any of the walks. Ms. Jacobs wrote a seminal work on American cities.

There is some renovation of the Maidstone house on J and 15<sup>th</sup>. The renovation will not alter the exterior and will remodel the inside.

There will be a Sacramento Mid Century Modern Home Tour on June 26, 2010. There is also an even at Fort Sutter the same day. If anyone has information about this, please get it to Asha for Park Beat.

Amber not only works for the Midtown Business Association, she lives in the neighborhood. She is looking to volunteer.

Midtown Business Association is looking to create a resource network for residents. What are the city codes that are applicable? What are links to various resources? How do you get a parking permit?

Amber likes the diversity downtown. She appreciated Park Beat when she lived here previously.

There was some discussion of a farmer's market in the neighborhood. Amber had had discussions with a group that was going to bring in Soil Born Farms. This might be the

urban farm stands, thought they were not going to use Soil Born Farms. Soil Born Farms wanted some money for eight weeks.

### **Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on June 2, at the home of Catherine's house.