

Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association Executive Board Meeting  
Wednesday, July 7, 2010 7:30 pm  
Hal's house [need address]

Attendance: Catherine Turrill, Chair; Asha Jennings; Hal Edmonds; Julianne Richards; Margaret Buss

Minutes: Approved pending changes suggested by Catherine and Margaret

1. Treasurer's Report:

- New ads are bringing in some revenue
- Rite Aid would like to advertise
- No change in dues revenues: Hal suggested trying to get more paying members
  - Margaret suggested having newsletters, membership information at National Night Out, Spaghetti Dinner, other forums
  - Catherine suggested recruiting at the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Corrections to Treasurer's written report: either correct "Mardi Gras Party expense" to "Yard Sale expense" or delete entry

2. Keep Sacramento Safe presentation by Melissa Cerro: *Keep Sacramento Safe* is an organization that provides information to help the public understand what probation workers do, to understand the consequences of cutting probation officers threatened by the District Attorney's budget cuts, and to encourage the public to contact their County Supervisors. We would be the only county in California with no probation officers in the field. More than 85% of juveniles and 99% of adults – including high risk offenders– would have no supervision. This violates state Constitution and several state laws and will lead to costly lawsuits against the County. With the recession, more homelessness, more desperation, and more mental health problems exacerbate the problem. Website is <http://www.keepsacsafe.com/> Phone number is 916-266-4262.

- General discussion followed about whether or not to write an article. The decision was tabled, because of the potential number of groups with different but equally important budget cut issues.

3. Preservation Report:

a. Preservation Roundtable: no news

b. Proposals for 700/800 blocks of K Street:

- 4 proposals considered by staff. Two had been recommended for consideration that preserved the Belvue Apartments (position supported by the Board in 2009; staff generally supported the proposal by David Taylor and D&S Development, who created the mixed use loft development on R Street between 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Streets. An ad hoc committee of the Mayor and three city council members endorsed the 4<sup>th</sup>, more expensive proposal, which would eliminate the Belvue and other historic features.

- Not having seen the proposals in detail, the Board voted not to take a position on which proposal was preferred but did take a position against creation of the ad hoc committee that changed the selection process.
- Action item: Margaret to provide copies of the proposals presented at the NAG, as well as the 2009 letter supporting preservation of the Belvue.
- Action item: Margaret to draft letter reflecting Board position (note: subsequently, Catherine wrote the letter instead)
- Action item: Catherine to go to the Council meeting and present the Board position.

#### 4. August Newsletter development

- Calendar of Events
- Historic Home: Catherine interested in writing about multifamily buildings in the neighborhood.
- Catherine noted that Lorraine Crozier, a former Boulevard Park and Marshall School member, volunteered to write up detail about her G Street house; Catherine suggested that other members might want to do the same – should we solicit such articles?
- Tom will write up July 17 meeting
- Margaret to write up the Midtown Bazaar (subsequently postponed) and Spaghetti Dinner article aimed at getting volunteers
- Catherine will write up National Night Out and Screen on the Green
- SOCA Home Tour: may be just a reminder or calendar item
- Hal to write up Merchants' Bank article

5. Newsletter Ads: discussion about keeping track of advertisers' payments: Hal agreed to do so as part of Treasurer's role

6. IRS paperwork: Hal submitted the required paperwork

#### 7. July 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

- Steve Cohn will be there
- Catherine invited someone from the Mayor's Office; no word yet confirming.
- Catherine invited Roger Dickinson; not confirmed
- City staff not likely to come because of budget cuts
- Tom will arrange for grills, screen, projector, laptop and video
- Need to get tables & chairs, drinks, napkins and tableware from Rob's basement: Tom will arrange
- Newsletter article failed to mention it was a potluck, so Catherine will ask Sally to do an email blast both to remind members of the meeting and to suggest bringing a dish

#### 8. National Night Out

- Hal submitted forms for street closure; Catherine notified the city and *National Night Out* organization
- Hal and Tom will "host" the hors d'oeuvres, ensure tables, water, etc. are there
- Rob has traffic cones
- Catherine had not yet contacted Marshall School contact person

- Issue of whether or not to publish phone numbers of hosts of venues: Board decided there was no reason to

#### 9. Spaghetti Dinner

- Entertainment for kids: Mad Scientist
- Boulevard Park band: had played at Curtis Park picnic; can ask for their feedback
  - Is this the right venue? – ie, would a set interfere with conversation and conviviality
  - If not the right venue, then propose them to play in Grant Park sometime
- Costco for groceries: Margaret has a card and can help
- Greg had met with Sally to get details of what needed to be done
- Newsletter article will focus on getting more volunteers;
- Ask Greg to report back on volunteer needs: Board members can help recruit

#### 10. BPNA Website

- Julianne to contact Pete Bramson and arrange for transition to new web manager [name?] as soon as possible
- Pete stated it would take no more than a couple of hours to teach how to use
- If web manager wants to make changes, should meet with Board to discuss.

#### 11. Welcome Packets

- Julianne met with Amber of MBA to brainstorm ideas
- Suzanne Ventura had created a packet when she was chair; Julianne will contact her as well
- Still need to contact Linda Whitney of SOCA

#### 12. SMUD Energy Project

- No word on which neighborhoods or residents will be picked for the SMUD energy retrofit grant program paid for by Recovery Act funds

#### 13. Storage of Historic Street Signs

- Can store in Rob's basement
- Ed Cox, who had been keeping them, recommended doing an inventory of streets to see if there are gaps and installing them right away, since otherwise their location may fade from memory (as it had when he was keeping them); Ed is willing to help with installation
- Decision postponed: signs are currently on Margaret's front porch

#### 14. Historic Maps of Sacramento

- Catherine had rescued a stock of 40+ historic maps of the central city from SOCA and suggests selling them for a modest fee at neighborhood events such as the Spaghetti Dinner
- Need to set a reasonable price: Catherine to show Board a copy to assess value

Meeting adjourned: next meeting August 4<sup>th</sup> at Greg Smith's house

