

## **Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association**

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

**December 1, 2010**

#### **Attending:**

Catherine Turrill, Asha Jennings, Greg Smith, Hal Edmonds, Margaret Buss, Tom Martens

#### **Guests:**

Matt Gray, Capital Alliance and Sarah Stanley, SaraJane and Company

### **Guest Presentation by Matt Gray and Sarah Stanley**

SaraJane started in 1999. Back then, this was a different neighborhood. Sarah is sensitive to the neighborhood issues.

Matt has worked in the Capitol for twenty years with John Vasconcellos. He has sought to establish legal marijuana clinics, and recognizes that the clinic needs to be a good fit for the neighborhood.

SaraJane is now located in the 900 block of 21<sup>st</sup> Street. The business gets along well with the neighbors. The business is planning to move to 701 G Street (on the other side of Steel Magnolia) because the current location is too small. Parking is not an issue now, and it is not expected to be an issue. Matt and Sara want to be good corporate citizens.

Sarah has worked with the City of Sacramento on the marijuana ordinance for the City. She realizes that all clinics, including hers, are under a looking glass. Sacramento City has been tracking clinics before it wrote the ordinance.

The business is required to run as a non-profit. Sarah has worked with a class in a school in Elk Grove to promote the arts because of various connections. She has purchased everything on the class' wish list. Sarah understands this work trickles down to other people's lives. She hopes to start working with Washington School in the future.

Councilman Cohn gave a presentation to the Neighborhood Advisory Group on marijuana clinics. Alcohol is not allowed. Unlike an alcohol license, the marijuana clinic license cannot be transferred or sold to a new owner.

## **Regular Business**

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Board of Directors approved the minutes from the November 2010 meeting, with the corrections that Catherine suggested.

### **Treasurer's Report**

We are in good shape. Not much change from last month. We are into a time of the year when not much is happening.

Hal checked in to rates for publishing the Park Beat. Blue Moon/IPM charges \$254 per month for four pages. Metro Graphics would charge \$130 for the same job.

### **Preservation Report**

There are notices about 710 25<sup>th</sup> Street, 914 24<sup>th</sup> Street, and 2222 G Street.

The Board may want to develop a policy on alley development and infill development. This appears to be gaining a momentum in the City. The Neighborhood Advisory Group had a good presentation by the City on alley development. What is the cumulative effect of an individual block? In the past, the policies have always been done on a case by case basis.

The next Sacramento Old City Association meeting is on December 11, 2010.

### **Park Beat Newsletter**

Asha will prepare a calendar of events.

Catherine will write up an historic house profile on Camden Court. For some reason, the title for this month's historic house was a wrong.

Catherine will ask the Friends of the River Banks and Friends of Grant Park for updates. They may want to do some fund raising through Park Beat. The Board is OK with that.

We can use the Talini's list from last month, because we did not have room to include it in this month's issue.

Tom will write up a Thank You note about the Holiday Party.

Catherine suggested we put in a notice about Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association dues for 2011, and the January 2011 meeting.

Catherine suggested that we write up something on in-fill development.

Asha agreed to write a thank you to the block captains for Park Beat.

Candidates on the slate for the Board next year will need to submit their statements.

### **Action Items**

**Greg would be responsible for:**

- ❖ **looking up the name of the person from Animal Services for Catherine**
- ❖ **will contact the City of Sacramento POP Officers about the General Meeting in January 2011.**

**Catherine would be responsible for:**

- ❖ **contacting William Berg about nomination for the national register**
- ❖ **will contact the woman from Animal Services once she gets the information from Greg**

**Hal and Greg would be responsible for:**

- ❖ **working on membership drive**

### **Agenda Items and General Discussion**

#### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee has made its recommendations.

The Board will need to revisit the nominating and election process described in the by-laws. The process has evolved. Long-time residents have gotten to know one another. There are personalities, and the Board should be able to work together.

#### **BPNA Website**

Tom has been updating the web site.

Greg will send final minutes to Tom to post on the web site.

We may want to rewrite the description of the neighborhood on the home page of the web site.

Margaret suggested a blog for the Board on the web site. This may not be possible with the Yahoo tools used for the web site.

#### **Holiday Party**

The party will start at 6:00 PM. Set up will be at 5:30 PM. One year the group sang Christmas carols. This was a nice touch.

Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association will provide napkins, plates, cutlery, ice and garbage bags. Tom will contact Rob about drinks.

The Board agreed to put on Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association books and maps from the Bungalow Heritage Society.

There was some discussion that the walking tour brochure needs to be re-written. This will probably take someone re-typing the text so that it can be designed electronically.

The Board agreed to put out something so people could donate to the Food Bank, with money or canned goods.

### **General Meeting in January**

Margaret needed the original insurance form to book the Hart Center. She had no idea. The date has been set for January 12, 2011 from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM.

### **Capital Stage**

Capital Stage is moving into the old gun shop across from See's on J Street at 2215 J Street. There will be 125 seats. There is some concern about parking by the Midtown Neighborhood Association. The City is requiring 32 parking spaces. 10 spaces are grandfathered in by the City.

Midtown Neighborhood Association will support reducing the parking requirement by half, or 11 spaces ( $((32-10)/2) = (22/2) = 11$ ). Capital Stage is negotiating with the parking lot across the street (between Ritz and See's) for these spaces.

### **Catherine would be responsible for:**

- ❖ **writing a letter for support for half of the parking space requirement to the City.**

### **Alley House (B & C, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

The Design Commission approved the project. Their position is that they address design issues, not community or neighborhood issues.

The issue will now go before the City Council for approval. There is a follow up meeting with Steve Cohn to develop a compromise on December 14, 2010.

There will be a new City Council in January. It is unclear what the new City Council would do.

**Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM. The next meeting will be held on January 5, 2011, at Catherine's House.