

Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association

Board of Director Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2011

Attending:

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

Approval of Minutes

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

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.

The Board agreed to send out membership reminders with stamped, self-addressed return envelopes.

Preservation Report

There was a preservation meeting at Cosmo last month. At the meeting, there was a presentation by the family that used to do the holiday window displays.

Alley House

Councilman Steve Cohn is (now) opposed to alley development. He will be asking the City Council to vote on the alley house on January 25th. All signs point to Councilman Cohn opposing the alley house. He wants to wait until the 25th to give other neighborhood associations a chance to talk to other council members.

Park Beat Newsletter

Asha will prepare a calendar of events.

The Board agreed to get an article for a historic house from our files and use that.

Who will ask the Friends of the River Banks and Friends of Grant Park for updates? Margaret? The Board suggested they may want to provide some mission statements so people know what their vision is. Margaret said there had a great New Year's Day get together, and we could use some pictures from that event.

Julie will get a garden to-do list from Talini's Nursery.

Asha will write up something on the election next week. There will be time after the election to get something into the February Park Beat.

The Board needs to set the date for various events. We will probably do that at the February meeting. August Night Out will be on August 8, 2011. The spaghetti dinner will be on September 10, 2011.

The Board agreed there will not be a Mardi Gras party this year. Last year, the Betzings made a special trip back from Mexico to host this event. This year, they are not going to do that. Also, this is an event that has not been well attended in the past couple of years.

Who will write an article that the Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association web site is on Facebook too?

Who will write an article on volunteering in McKinley Park? Now that the City is cutting services, volunteers are needed more than ever to maintain the park.

Action Items

Greg would be responsible for:

- ❖ **will contact the City of Sacramento POP Officers about the General Meeting in January 2011.**

Who will be responsible for:

- ❖ **an article on the Friends of the River Banks and Friends of Grant Park?**
- ❖ **an article on Facebook?**
- ❖ **an article on volunteering at McKinley Park?**

Agenda Items and General Discussion

General Meeting

The General Meeting will be on January 12, 2011.

Hal agreed to chair the meeting.

The first order of business will be the election. According to the by-laws, we have to leave an opportunity for nominations from the floor. This, and voting, will probably take 15 – 20 minutes.

We will have Captain Dana Matthes there from the Police Department. She will go first and have about 30 minutes (including questions). Penny Cistaro, from Animal Services, will go second and have about 15 minutes (including questions). Jonathan Williams, from Capital Stage, will go third and have about 15 minutes.

We have to be out of the room by 8:30 PM, or else we will be charged for another hour of time.

Asha agreed to pick up some refreshments.

Greg agreed to ask Betty and Sally if they would help with the voting and membership. We will need ballots and writing implements.

The Board agreed to leave our deposit with the Hart Center, in case we wanted to hold another event there sometime this year.

Mardi Gras Party

Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association will not hold a Mardi Gras party this year. See the discussion in the Park Beat section.

Park Beat Services

The Board agreed to acknowledge Kat's services as graphic designed for Park Beat. We will get her a gift certificate to a gardening website. Asha will ask Jon Marshack what the Board did last time.

Mid-Town Night Life

There has been a lot of discussion about the increasing crime and night life in mid-town. This is a target rich environment.

Issues in the Year Ahead

Membership

Julie has dropped the idea of a welcome package. Instead, she talked about focusing on residents who have been in the neighborhood for some time for the membership drive.

The Board has to decide what it would do with more money (hopefully from the membership drive). This should be something that is stated when the membership letters go out.

Hal and Greg plan to have something for the March newsletter. If Julie wants to include something for long-time residents, March would be the appropriate time.

Alley Development

The architects and designers are talking together. They meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month. (Margaret did not say where.) They generally do not include a discussion of community or appropriateness. It would be better to get involved in this discussion earlier and bring up issues of alley development in that forum, rather than slugged them out in City Council meetings.

By-Laws

The Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association by-laws will have to be revised. Asha suggested that some language interpreting the current by-laws may be possible, rather than a full revision. Either way, this is going to take some time in the next year.

Next Meeting

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