

Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association

Board of Director Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2011

Attending:

Asha Jennings, Greg Smith, Hal Edmond, Julianne Richard, Roberta Lee Franklin, Tom Martens

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Directors approved the minutes from the February 2011 meeting, with the revisions that Asha sent along.

Treasurer's Report

We are getting income from membership payments. The new printer is working out well.

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

Preservation Report

There was no preservation report because Margaret was absent.

Park Beat Newsletter

The April edition of Park Beat should be done by March 30, 2011, so that Hal can hand them out at the Block Captain Party.

Asha will prepare a calendar of events.

Sally will write up the names of new and renewing members.

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

Roberta will coordinate with the Friends of the River Banks and Friends of Grant Park for any updates.

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

Julie suggested an article about the community garden, and what they are doing this time of year. She will try to get an article from one of the people who coordinates the community garden.

Asha will write up an announcement of a celebration at Sutter's Landing on April 30, 2011.

Asha will write up a dues reminder for the Association.

Asha will write up an article on BPNA website and Facebook.

The Board volunteered Margaret to write up a "Who to Call" list for different City services.

Margaret had previously agreed to write up an article on the Green Thumb Brigade.

Greg will write up an article on the membership drive.

The Board had a discussion on membership, and how to get more involvement. One issue is what to do with the money we have at the end of the year. Another issue is how to get more renters involved in Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association. Julie said she would write an article in the April Park Beat for renters.

Agenda Items and General Discussion

By-Laws

The Board had a lengthy discussion on revising the By-Laws. There are several issues that might be addressed, including:

- The definition for a quorum
- The requirements for a member in good standing
- The role of the Nominating Committee
- Whether or not a membership can be held by more than one person

The Board agreed to postpone a decision to revise the By-Laws. In part, revisions would be an onerous process. An option of writing up an interpretation of existing By-Laws was proposed as an option to revising them. Roberta agreed to talk to the lawyer (Larry) who helped draft the By-Laws, and get his opinion on the issues discussed by the Board.

Thank You

Asha sent Cath LaPlante a thank you gift for helping out with the Park Beat.

Membership Drive

Hal and Greg are working on a membership drive. They will host a party for the Block Captains on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at Hal's house.

In support of the membership drive, the Board identified activities that it could sponsor in the neighborhood, including:

- Supporting local schools
- Developing a neighborhood welcome package
- Developing a disaster preparedness plan

Capital Stage

Asha got a notice that the City will hold a hearing on the Capital Stage parking waiver. Asha will look for the letter that Catherine sent to the City in December 2010.

Neighborhood Association Summit

Councilman Steve Cohn will hold a Neighborhood Association Summit on March 24, 2011 at City Hall.

Other Issues

There will be a Preservation Round Table on March 15, 2011 at St. Paul's church.

Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM. The next meeting will be held on April 6, 2011, at Tom's House.