

Minutes for RMIA Board Meeting, Monday, May 8, 2017

Attending: Athene Carras, Lorin Liberson, Kathy Monk, Alan Mueller, Bette Rosenstein, Joe Valentin, Scott Wheeler, Victoria Wiedel

Not present: Rick Glick, Matt Lachey, Jim Peters, Craig Pierson, Suzy Thomas

Guests: Erica Reardon from Congressman Mike Quigley's office, Csilla Fisher – owner of Mozart house

The meeting was called to order at 2nd Story at 7:04pm

Csilla and husband Ian: own the problem house on Mozart. It has been owned by her husband for 20 months. Their partner disappeared and the property is going into tax arrears. Csilla proposed two ideas: 1) turning the house into a box to comply with housing code 2) putting that same money into beautification of the building and property instead. She wanted to put a face with the property. Athene stated that the RMIA has no say in the property and suggested contacting neighbors on either side.

Transportation:

Greenway Maintenance: Victoria volunteered to maintain the bump-out at Manor and Eastwood. There was a suggestion to approach someone on California regarding maintenance at California and Manor.

Bette will speak to *Le Ballet Petit* about safety issues since there will be no bump-out at Eastwood and Francisco.

Bette reported there were 2 TAC meetings – there will be none in May. The next meeting is in June. She reported that the connection of the parks will occur in spring 2019.

There is talk of bringing the Elston bus back

June 10th there will be a bike helmet giveaway and education & safety event at Swedish Covenant Hospital.

Ethics Policy: The draft was reviewed and will be sent back to John Friedman for clarification of specific terms. The policy will then be posted on the website and, possibly, sent to RMIA members.

Summit Industries: the existing building will be renovated. The brick building will stay for now. Summit's new home in Niles is almost finished. They will allow parking for 51 cars that neighbors need to move out of their garage for the Garage Sale

Garage Sale: Thomas spoke to the police commander about police for traffic and about no parking on the Wilson bridge.

There are 117 households signed up so far and \$1,135 has been collected.

Athene purchased orange cones with a rebate from Lowe's for the fence in LaPointe Park.

Parks: Lorin reported that Openlands will conduct a walk-through at a date to be determined.

There will be a final tally for tree plantings then.

She will use Facebook to ask neighbors what to do about landscaping and the garden in LaPointe Park. Plots in the garden are in use now.

Victoria recommended an open-ended Facebook prompt. This item will also be put in the newsletter.

Thomas will set up an email where correspondence about the park can be sent.

New Business:

Discussion of a Manor Welcome Banner on the north side of the Baker Miller building – facing the L tracks. The banner would be 10' X 10'. The suggestion of the photo from the Centennial was thought to be 'too busy'. It could say *Welcome to Ravenswood Manor*. Joe can get the banner printed.

A party/art spectacle on the Wilson Avenue Bridge was proposed by neighbor Doug Farr. There will be further discussion.

Treasurer's Report: There is \$14,370 in the Paypal account, \$12,006 in the Chase account. Membership so far is at \$7,700 and has exceeded the goal.

Communications: Newsletter will be out mid-June.

Safety: Kathy and John Brix attended the Beat 1713 CAPS meeting. There were 7 people in attendance and it was an abbreviated meeting. Officers suggested if someone is selling something, to meet in the lobby of the police station to conduct the transaction. Joe attended Beat 1724 meeting.

There is discussion with HPAC to hold a Safety Summit where a self-defense class might be a good fit.

Zoning: Will reach out to city to see if the Manor qualifies for landmark status.

March meeting minutes were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, **June 12th** at 7:00.

Submitted by Kathy Monk