

Minutes for RMIA Board Meeting, Monday, June 12, 2017

Attending: Athene Carras, Lorin Liberson, Kathy Monk, Alan Mueller, Jim Peters, Suzy Thomas , Joe Valentin, Scott Wheeler,

Not present: Rick Glick, Matt Lachey, Craig Pierson, Bette Rosenstein, Victoria Wiedel

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

May meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Allocations need to be revised, so the report was not approved.

There is \$14,558.67 in the Paypal account, \$12,207.83 in the Chase account.

Goal for membership and the Garage Sale were exceeded.

There is money to be used and some of the ideas are the proposed history station, the welcome banner, and the beautification/redesign of LaPointe Park .

Communications:

Jim brought samples of the newsletter just back from the printer. The standard is now 8-pages. He said Nancy Faust, the organist, grew up in the Manor and Jim will interview her for the fall issue.

Website: snippets of Story Corps interviews are now on the website.

Matt would like a high school student who knows Word Press to volunteer to help upgrade the website.

Matt & Victoria have completely re-done the website with a new platform.

Safety: No CAPS meetings to report on.

Zoning: There was a May 1 meeting.

In addition to problem buildings, the idea of a Good Neighbor Award was brought up. There would be two categories 1) Best rehab and 2) Best addition. A jury would be made up of people from outside the neighborhood.

The Mozart house is moving forward with the flat roof option.

Zoning does not want to pursue landmark status until winter – after the fall newsletter comes out and a discussion at the Annual Meeting.

Membership: No new members

Community: Summer concerts in Manor Park have started
Horner Fest is July 15th

Transportation:

No report

Social: Bike Parade is June 25th at 4pm. This year there will be a paleta cart rather than hot dogs.

Garden Walk is July 23rd

Annual Meeting - Dick Lanyon, who works for Water Reclamation and lived in the neighborhood for 15 years, will present at the Annual meeting. He has historic photos of the river and just wrote a book.

1/3 of the board is up for re-election. We need a nominating committee to propose a slate. Someone from the Landmark Commission will be present to answer questions.

Parks: Lorin reported there will be a decision from Openlands on June 15th. Plantings would be on a Saturday between September and the first week of November. Lorin wants a late September date.

During the walk-through with Athene, the rep from Openlands looked at Lapointe Park and said some ash trees would need to be removed. The RMIA would like to plant 3 trees.

The Lapointe Park article in the newsletter will, hopefully, get responses regarding the redesign. The board voted to purchase an additional battery for David Pott who has been mowing LaPointe Park.

The board voted to give the Garden Club \$125 to match their \$125 for plants at the CTA station.

Old Business

Ethics Policy: Kathy will ask Bette to send the draft back to John Friedman for clarification of specific terms. The policy will then be posted on the website and, possibly, sent to RMIA members. Jim said the purpose of an ethics policy is disclosure.

Welcome Banner: Alan Shortall supplied a mock-up using the centennial photo. It would cost \$400-450 to print and \$250 to install.

Bridge Party: A party/art spectacle on the Wilson Avenue Bridge was proposed by neighbor Doug Farr as a communal evening to bring two neighborhoods together. It is also to dedicate the bridge murals and to celebrate the formation of 2 neighborhood organizations, Ravenswood Manor and Ravenswood Gardens, 70 years ago. The party is proposed for September 23rd. Doug requested the RMIA write a letter of the support for the party for the aldermen and CDOT.

The board expressed concerns over safety, an unrealistic deadline, a negative response from outside the neighborhood when the bridge is closed, and the fact that the party currently does not have broad community support. For these reasons the board voted not to write a letter.

New Business:

Passeggiata with a neighborhood teen Sunday evenings at 7:00 in Manor Park.

Walk the Manor will continue.

Jim volunteered to chair the nominating committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, **September 11th** at 7:00.

Submitted by Kathy Monk