

## **Minutes for RMIA Board Meeting, Monday, January 14, 2019**

**Board Members Attending:** Tony Armour, Athene Carras, Tom Eul, Brinda Gupta, Patrick Johnson, Michael Leff , Mina Marien, Kathy Monk , Alan Mueller, Jim Peters, Craig Pierson, , Deb Robinett, Bette Rosenstein, Gary Smith, Suzy Thomas, Joe Valentin, Matt VanderZee, Lisa Washburn, Victoria Wiedel

**Not present:** Beth Lynch

**Guests:** Cynthia Mueller, Erica Reardon

**Call to Order:** 7:01 p.m.

**Minutes:** The December minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report** (Craig):

- The end of the year expenses were Paypal, Sound Cloud, and snowflake installation.
- The \$7,500 goal for membership has been surpassed.
- There are some questions about advertising and whether or not all ads have been billed and paid for.

### **Budget Discussion:**

Bette recommended talk of additional funding for the LaPointe Park redesign (\$2,500) be tabled until after the Go Fund Me campaign is posted on FaceBook and promoted in earnest. Mina & Deb will do this.

- Deb said the only thing not covered in the budget is the first month watering and they might want to have funding for that.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Parks** (Mina, Deb):

- Exploring Openlands tree planting. It was noted that more trees are coming down on parkways.
- The deadline for a spring planting is March 1, so a fall planting date is being considered.
- 20 trees are required for an Openlands planting. Deb will call about the fall deadline and get a blurb in the newsletter.

#### **Safety** (Joe, Suzy, Kathy):

- There's a beat 1724 CAPS meeting tomorrow and beat 1713 CAPS meeting on January 22.
- The new 311 app is now live.
- Joe said there is a gutted house at 2735 W. Sunnyside that is not secured. He contacted the alderman.
- Kathy is promoting a self-defense class that will take place on Saturday, July 13 at the Niles Family Fitness Center.

#### **Transportation:** (Bette)

- There was no TAC meeting in December.
- She contacted the alderman about the 1 hour parking signs that are missing on Francisco at Eastwood.
- Erica talked to the CTA about the mosaic at the Francisco stop. CTA said the mosaic was not well thought out and the materials used were not supposed to be outdoors. The heating element was shorting out which was why it was not reconnected and turned back on.

- The board wondered if part of the mosaic could be preserved and displayed. Apparently, it was only supposed to last for a finite amount of time.

**Communications** (Victoria and Jim):

- The winter newsletter was distributed and posted on line.
- The committee will meet in mid-February.
- Victoria is looking into an official hashtag (there is a Disney haunted house in Europe called Ravenswood Manor!).

**Membership** (Craig, Mina):

- Have received 168 memberships since November.
- As of January 1<sup>st</sup> membership dues are at \$7,600+.
- Mina & Craig will transfer the membership list to google Docs. A membership card can be created from this (as specified in the RMIA Bylaws). Mina said they will have a spreadsheet and can use mail merge to create a mailing list.

**Community Relations:** (Alan, Patrick, Matt):

- Matt said it is Deb Mell's responsibility to reply to Helen Donovan's email since it was addressed to her.
- Alan, Patrick, & Matt had no news to report.

**Social** (Brinda):

- There will be a wine tasting at Angelo's Wine Bar on February 12. It will be capped at 20 people.
- The dates for the Summer/Manor Bash are June 21 & 22. June 21 is the RMIA –sponsored concert which will feature the Hokulea Academy of Polynesian Dance.
- June 29<sup>th</sup> is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bike Parade.
- Athene will confirm the date for the Garden Walk. Jeff Sell & Shelly Staat will organize it.

**Zoning** (Jim, Athene, Michael):

- Matt wants to write 'The Top 10 Things You Should Know About Landmark' for the newsletter to educate neighbors on what landmark means for those opposed.
- Design Guidelines Subcommittee plans to meet in early February.
- 2805 Eastwood – came up before the Zoning Board of Appeals –the owners claimed hardship. Deb Mell, direct neighbors, and concerned neighbors were present. The Zoning Board of Appeals claimed they were close enough to 'hash it out'. Owners agreed to the 30-foot setback and a gabled roof for the entire roof not just the first 5 feet in front. They will also move their front door so it is not next to the neighbor's bedroom. It was agreed that the Zoning Committee and neighbors will need to be diligent because the owners wanted to change things that had already been agreed on.
- 2854 W. Giddings – Neighbors agreed to the variances requested. No further word from the architect or owners.

**New Business:**

- Holiday Décor (Athene) – Athene spoke with Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce. They purchased the lighted balls hanging in Lincoln Square. Athene will find out who installed them. She noted that snowflakes have been stored in her basement and take up a lot of room.
- It was proposed that due to lack of power on light poles, holiday decorations should be focused on Manor Park. Would likely have to work with HPAC on this.
- Patrick will get quotes for power installation.
- Athene has been board president for 5 years. There needs to be a successor in 2020.

- Bylaws (Gary, Michael, Athene, Lisa) The bylaws were updated in about 1995. They need to be reviewed and modernized. Any bylaw change will need to be voted on by RMIA membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be on **Monday, February 11**, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Horner Park Field House on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Submitted by Kathy Monk