

DPNA Board Meeting
7/11/19

President Jeff Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Present at the meeting were Jeff Hughes (President), Tim Darst (Treasurer), Dustin Edge (Secretary), board members Art Cestaro, Bob and Ann Atkin, Susan Harmon, Jennifer Fromeyer, neighbors Stephanie and Michael Bollato (owners of Cozy Kitchen), Rebecca Kelley, and David Berman.

Tim Darst motioned that we accept the minutes from last month's meeting, Bob Atkin seconded, motion approved.

Tim Darst reviewed the Treasurer's report, reporting that the newsletter was ahead for the year about \$500, tree planting still has \$6307 left for planting, and that money is still available for the new signs at Bardstown. Invoices have been mailed out to various businesses for newsletter ads.

Susan Harmon motioned that we reimburse Alan for yard sign materials. Art Cestaro seconded. Motion passed.

Jeff Hughes reviewed the 5th Division Crime Report. Thefts from autos have been steady at 10; there were 5 auto thefts, and no burglaries during the past week. None of the incidents occurred Deer Park.

Susan Harmon mentioned the recent shooting in the Strathmoor neighborhood. She mentioned there was discussion on Next Door about getting different neighborhood associations together to pressure the police department to do more. She also wondered whether the police reports were up-to-date through the city's system. Art Cestaro mentioned that ongoing investigations may result in reports not being filed right away. Discussion ensued about the event in question. Art Cestaro mentioned that the Conversation with a Cop monthly event is happening the following day as a way to discuss the issue further with a member of local law enforcement. Art Cestaro also suggested that people call Jasmine Masterson at Councilman Brandon Coan's office about getting up to date police reports.

Susan Harmon asked whether we can do anything more to promote safety on Norris Ave. Dustin Edge mentioned the bollards that our metro councilman's office mentioned would be installed last year. Susan Harmon stated that even though there might not be money in the city budget, we should still voice our concerns.

Jeff Hughes spoke about current activities of the Tree Planting Program. Jeff has located 6 volunteers for the program and is still hoping for more to join soon. He also speculated about the timing of the grant money coming in from MSD, as well as wishing he knew how much it might be. He also mentioned the price of this year's trees and his long term concerns regarding fundraising for the program in case MSD becomes unable to fund it. Regardless, things are on schedule for a planting in the Fall.

Jennifer Fromeyer stated that the Social Committee hasn't met recently, but will have an update before the next meeting. She also mentioned that Dreams with Wings is having an event on 8/3 from 6-9pm, and that partnering with DPNA for the event would be great. She stressed that we could do the same thing for other events in the community (Sunergos, etc) since it's such a big time commitment to build a new event from scratch. Stephanie Bollato mentioned a small festival at Falls City Eye Care that might also be good to investigate. The Social Committee will begin reaching out to see what opportunities might be available.

The Diversity Committee reported that the signs are beginning to be delivered to neighbors around the community. Art Cestaro has delivered 2 signs and plans to deliver several more over the upcoming days. He described the sign and the project to the new neighbors present, including the aim to alert the media and continue the project into the future. Lastly, he mentioned that we're collecting donations and will have a press release about the project for the board to review soon.

The board discussed the current plan of action regarding the steps for Ivanhoe Court. Art Cestaro read the letter that the DPNA will be sending to the city regarding a solution for improving the steps. Susan Harmon asked

about the landscaping on either side of the steps and whether that could be cited for neglect. Ann Atkins mentioned she spoke to the maintenance man for the building adjacent to the landscaping and that the man who owns the property does not want to do any work on it and unfortunately would rather kill off the plants than make any improvements.

Old Business

The board mentioned that the new Deer Park sign at the corner of Bardstown Road & Eastern Parkway is scheduled to be installed the first week of August.

Regarding distribution of the newsletter, Art Cestaro stated that we've had interest from a neighbor in taking over the newsletter distribution position from Marilyn Hrbek. Jeff Hughes said that he will investigate further.

Jeff Hughes also stated that a couple Air B&Bs are apparently in non-compliance with the new 600 foot rule ordinance. Art Cestaro said the owners can file an extension and go before BOZA for permission and that if no one is there object, then they may grant it.

New Business

The Bollatos graciously stated that they would like to see what else they can do to improve the neighborhood and would like to be more involved.

Rebecca Kelley (1904 Maplewood) discussed an issue with a vacant lot (1902) next to her residence. The neighbor on the other side (1900) says that while he was living he would not sell the lot or allow any building on it. The house and lot are now for sale now after the previous moved to a nursing facility. New construction may occur on the vacant lot in the future. Rebecca mentioned how the addition of a new house would be life altering for her and that 19 of her neighbors have signed a letter voicing their concern about the safety of such a project. Art Cestaro asked whether the new proposed building would need any type of exemption that could be objected to (and if not, there might not be much anyone could do about it). Rebecca discussed her negotiations with the owners and how she will continue to object to any new construction. Susan Harmon mentioned

another project that was going to take place in the past that was fought successfully in the past as a possible guideline. Jeff Hughes mentioned the idea of getting more people to support the letter in order to voice their concerns to the owners. The board agreed to investigate whether any action at all might be able to be taken regarding the issue.

David Berman asked a question about Noche, a new restaurant that is about to open, regarding the parking on Richmond and Roanoke. He voiced concern about the impact the new restaurant will have on parking on both streets. Bob Atkin mentioned that there were hearings about the parking for the restaurant when construction was happening with assurances that parking would be addressed, much like Seviche does with their valet system. Art Cestaro mentioned that any type of restaurant has parking requirements and at this point the aspect of parking for this particular restaurant has already been assessed and approved by the city, but that one could call Planning and Zoning to find out what the specific situation will be for parking at the restaurant. David said he will contact Planning & Zoning about the issue to find out more.

Art Cestaro made a motion to adjourn; Ann Atkin seconded; meeting adjourned.

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