

## DPNA BOARD MEETING 9/12/2019

Vice President Charles Puckett called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Present at the meeting were Vice President Charles Puckett, Secretary Dustin Edge, Board Members Art Cestaro, Ann Atkins, Bob Atkins, Jason Greenberg, Oli Tierney, and visitor Sean McGreevey, Dean of Students at Bellarmine University.

Charles Puckett motioned to accept last month's minutes. Board Member Bob Atkin seconded. Motion passed.

VP Charles Puckett invited Sean McGreevey, Dean of Students at Bellarmine University, to update the board about how things are going at the university as of late. Sean informed the board that noise complaints had gone down over the past two years, with a total of 11 complaints in 2017, 8 complaints in 2018 (mostly parking), and 4 complaints so far in 2019 since January. He also described a student rental property on Rutherford Ave that had a few issues; however, the students that were renting that property were no longer invited back as renters. He also mentioned another property on Douglass, where the landlord has been more active in keeping his student tenants respectful of their neighbors. He further said that, even though things have been a bit more active around campus since the semester started, there have been no complaints at all on Richmond Ave next to the school this year as of yet. Sean mentioned how he talks to every student that moves off campus in an attempt to educate them in appropriate behavior around the neighborhood. He said he would continue to talk to the students in this manner to help integrate them into the neighborhood as seamlessly as possible. Art Cestaro mentioned how Jason Cissell, Bellarmine Public Relations Director, had visited a couple months ago and was informed that there are spots open on the board in case an upperclassman might be interested; Sean said that they might be slightly averse to joining the board, but that someone from the stud government might be interested in attending in the future to learn more about the neighborhood association. Sean said that he would be happy to bring a representative to visit at one of our meetings. Sean also mentioned several upcoming campus events,

including the governor's debate on 10/26 and the annual Hall-o-Treats festivities on 10/28 at 6pm, during which kids are invited to trick or treat in the dorm halls. Lastly, Sean also mentioned that the President released a new strategic plan for the school in May and that it is currently available online for viewing.

#### Treasurer's Report

Bob Atkin motioned we accept the Treasurer's report; Art Cestaro seconded; motion passed.

#### Safety

The 5<sup>th</sup> Division reported 6 burglaries over the past couple weeks, which was the same number as the last reporting period. There were also 5 auto thefts as well. Discussion ensued amongst the board for the need to remind everyone to keep their cars locked overnight to combat this type of criminality.

#### Tree Committee

Charles Puckett stated that we now have a total of 71 neighbors on board for this year's Fall planting. He said we've done a great job canvassing and getting the word out through Facebook and local businesses in the area. He also mentioned the committee's goal of planting as many big trees as possible, but that a healthy percentage of what the program is planting each year are still small trees due to the size of people's lots and not having enough room for larger canopy trees. Nevertheless, he estimates that we will most likely come out ahead financially this year by a little less than \$1000; Art Cestaro suggested we buy more trees with the extra money.

#### Social Committee

Neighborfest will occur on 9/28 from 3-5pm; Charles Puckett mentioned that board member Alan Scherer asked if anyone could help out at the festival this year as a volunteer. Dustin Edge will post on reminders on Facebook leading up to the event.

### Diversity Committee

Art Cestaro stated that we have three signs left from our initial order of 20; Jason Greenberg and Charles Puckett said that they want one each, which leaves only 1 sign remaining. Art Cestaro mentioned that the Paypal link doesn't work; Dustin Edge said he would look into it; Art Cestaro motioned that we appropriate up to \$300 for a second round of signs; Jason Greenberg seconded; motion passed. Oli Tierney also mentioned that the graphic designer of the diversity had gotten a job working for Tim Darst's organization.

### Ivanhoe Steps

Bob Atkin is collecting signatures from the residents of Ivanhoe in support of repairing the steps, working toward 100%. He said that Public Works thinks that the steps will be brought up to grade after the project is completed. He said that he hopes the city will issue a special ordinance regarding the project to help it get underway. He also mentioned that boundaries of the two apartment buildings at the end of Ivanhoe near Bardstown Road may be problematic due to the required width of the project and may have to give up a slight bit of land in order for the project to be completed. Jason Greenberg wondered who might be an owner versus a renter in some of the apartment buildings. Sean McGreevey offered to help organize at an event to raise awareness of the project at the 9/29 Ivanhoe block party, annually held at the end of September.

### OLD BUSINESS

The new East Parkway Signs are still set to be installed asap. Art Cestaro said that he would contact Fred Crawford again about setting up a date to install them.

### STR & CUPs

Charles Puckett asked if we had a specific policy on these that the board could adhere to in the future. Art Cestaro said that we usually just address them as they come in, assisting neighbors to be aware of new properties and attend BOZA meetings if they would like their voices to be heard in opposition to new properties. Charles Puckett asked whether the ordinance is more specific; Art Cestaro mentioned the 600 foot rule, which has helped

clarify how many CPUs can be in proximity to each other and allow the community to measure whether different props are in fact legal to exist. Art Cestaro also mentioned the Google Map that he so graciously created to log each new property of this type in the neighborhood. He said that the neighborhood association could send letters in the future regarding new properties that the board knows are definitely less than 600 feet from one another. Bob Atkins suggested that we implement a policy that we can rely upon to state at BOZA meetings to make our position clear. He asked whether we should consider granting waivers if someone asked for one from the board; several members of the board said that they thought we should stick to the 600 foot rule. Art Cestaro proposed drafting a letter that we could send out in the future, stating our support of the 600 foot rule, and that a proliferation of these types of properties would not be in keeping with the character of the neighborhood. Bob Atkins said that, if we would like to send a representative to these BOZA meetings, the board should get a rotation going to spread the work amongst the member of the board. Art Cestaro suggested using the information signs he constructed to promote BOZA meetings so the neighbors are aware and can attend if so desired. Bob Atkins also submitted a letter from the owner of 1838 Deerwood asking if we would support his CUP (letter attached).

## NEW BUSINESS

### Highland Commerce Guild

Bob Atkins reported back after attending the most recent meeting, during which they spoke about Bardstown Road Aglow and the old fire house (the owner of Parkside Bikes purchased the property and might turn it into a bed and breakfast in the future). There will also be a lunch meeting on 9/23, during which the mayor will speak in case anyone would like to attend.

### Twitter & Instagram Update

Bob Atkins stated that he has been tweeting and posting on Twitter and Instagram in an attempt to reach out to the neighborhood further. He said he could definitely post more about events and other things in the neighborhood and would appreciate more photos to use online. He asked if we had photos of previous Neighborfests to promote that upcoming event. He wondered how we could increase the number of neighbors who follow the

DPNA on these platforms. He thanked everyone for their help with the newsletter as well.

#### Police Foot Patrol Pilot Program

Charles Puckett mentioned that Jeff had wrote a letter in support of the program, but that it unfortunately would not continue due to budget restraints.

More discussion ensued regarding CUPs and how the board should address new properties in the neighborhood and what tactics it might employ to combat a proliferation of them in the community.

Charles Puckett motioned we adjourn; Art Cestaro seconded; meeting adjourned.

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Dear Board Members,

I had the pleasure of visiting with Bob, his wife and their dog in my house on wed of last week, during the public meeting about my hopes of using a portion of my house as an AirBnB. I wanted to share my story of how and why I came to own 1838 Deerwood ave and my personal use of the house as well as my plans. My company has done annual work with The Kentucky Derby Museum and Churchill downs, since 2013 during the weeks leading up to and the week over Derby and I have spending about 30-40 days in Louisville annually for the past 5 years. We were fortunate to be awarded a year around contract for the next ten years that began in January of this year. In order to establish and open a full time office here in Louisville I knew that I would have to transfer and opening team as well as make a personal commitment to spending significant time in Louisville and my family and I decided to buy a home so that my team and my self as well as my young family would have a place to live and visit as I started my new business. We fell in love with the neighbor hood as it reminded us of our hometown of New Orleans. We specifically liked the property because of the layout, size and historical use. My goal was to transfer two of my employees to manage and be director of sales from Texas to Louisville and I offered them housing as part of the relocation package and I wanted a home that I could section off a " mother in Law" area that I could use and not disturb them. 1838 Deerwood met all the needs , currently the house is occupied by two of my full time employees and I have separated a portion into a one bedroom , living room kitchenette, and one bathroom area that I occupy approximaty 100 days a year, my use is directly related to my catering business so I am in Louisville quite frequently. My goal is rent the portion that I occupy when I am in town as a short-term rental to help offset my cost of owning the house as my business grows and develops. My wife and I have begun the application process to receive a CUP on the property for this use described above. While I understand the neighborhoods stance on non-owner-occupied short-term rentals, I believe and after talking to Bob I believe he can attest my use is more aligned with an owner-occupied use of the property. I want to reiterate my employees live their full time, myself, my family including my 12 and 10-year olds call this a second home, I personally spend a significant portion of my time in the house every month. The furniture, the décor, items in the home are all mine, I would not use this property in different way than anyone would use their own home because I consider this an extension of my home.

That being said , in the year now that I have owned the home I and my employees have developed relationship with the adjacent neighbors and told them who I am and what I want to do and have received encouragement and support for the improvements I have made to property as well as care and interest we show in the neighborhood. I ask for the boards support and endorsement in allowing me to use my property in the manner described. I am not an enterprise, absent landlord. I am simply a homeowner who has business and homes in two locations that is looking to help cover my cost as I continue to grow my business for my family and my employees

Thank you again for your consideration, and feel free to call , email or stop by anytime

Thank you

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