

Deer Park Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2020

The board meeting was held in the Dreams with Wings parking lot to encourage social distancing.

In attendance were board members Bob Atkin, Ann Atkin, Susan Harmon, Helen Payne, Jeff Hughes, Curtis Stauffer, Charles Puckett and Mike Fautz as well as guests Jody Dahmer and Micheal King and interested neighbors.

Bob called the meeting to order with a moment of silence to reflect on the loss of Breonna Taylor and David McAttee and the struggle for social justice that the city is engaged in.

Approval of minutes: Charles moved to approve the minutes of May 14, Curtis seconded and the motion carried.

Reports: Bob asked that all committees submit reports electronically minimally two days before board meetings.

- Tree Committee: Helen reported that she and Jeff had met to discuss the tree program. Helen has been working with Woody Warehouse to get an available species list. She reached out to 89 former tree recipients to get volunteers and created a volunteer sign up google form. She has five new volunteers and is hoping to recruit 15. Helen floated the idea of a tiered pricing structure for trees to encourage large tree sales. Helen will settle on a tree list and create flyers this week. Discussed tiered pricing to encourage people to choose canopy trees.
- Social Committee: Susan. In light of COVID-19 crisis, no news to report.
- Membership Committee: Membership has been down.
 - Curtis suggested block captains to increase engagement and to share DPNA info.
 - Competitions to engage neighbors were floated as an idea to increase DPNA visibility.
 - Farmers market outreach has not been a big success in the past, but maybe would work if there was a more tangible reason for being there: Trees.
- Communications:
 - Newsletter postponed until September due to COVID-19.
 - Every board member should submit an article for the newsletter. Deadline for submission is August 10.

- More delivery volunteers are needed.
- Jeff has a neighbor who would like to write an article about his woodworking business and pay to have it in the Newsletter.
- There is currently no official newsletter coordinator, Bob does it.
- Website: Curtis is taking this on.
- Facebook: 71 posts, 1700 reach, 2430 engaged, 1314 followers
- Twitter: 46 tweets, 360 followers
- Instagram: less presence, Bob does it but thinks that a photographically inclined volunteer could step in.
- Neighbourhood Plan Committee: Charles and Curtis. Bob suggests neighbor Mark Whelchel to assist.
- Audit Committee: Jeff and Mike will meet with Tim Darst about audit.

New Business

Jody Dahmer of Beargrass Thunder shared his work doing Alley Revitalization transforming alleys into pedestrian thoroughfares, art installations, and urban farms that connect neighborhoods. He described his work in Bashford manor and Shelbyville that slowed traffic, reduced crime and boosted civic engagement. Dahmer sees a lot of potential for a pilot alley project that connects Bardstown Road to Bellarmine and Beargrass creek. He is working with Shawn Reilly in Tyler Park to do a trial alley. Board members asked Dahmer how DPNA could begin to engage. He suggested that we chose an alley for revitalization, alleys near Doo Woop Shop, Sunergos Coffee came to mind for him because we could engage local businesses in the project.

Michael King- Multimodal and Urban Planning Manager from Louisville Metros office of Advance planning and sustainability is working on long range neighborhood plans. He is advocating for combining neighborhoods, especially when they abbutt a major thoroughfare, so that both sides of the road can be addressed in a cohesive way. The combined approach will encourage synergy in meeting shared goals around tree canopy, sidewalks, mobility etc. and is more cost effective when working with consultants. Any recommendations in the new plan would be vetted by DPNA. Susan makes a motion to 'bless' King's proposal, Jeff seconds and the motion carries.

Old business:

Short term rentals: 1829 Bonnycastle hearing on June 29th. Bob asked, should we take a position on short term rentals for the record? Charles makes a motion that we oppose short term rentals within 600 feet of each other, Curtis seconds and the motion carries.

Alcohol licensing: DPNA sent a letter to oppose the Afropolitan Lounge request for extended hours to 4 am. Bob also spoke with the business owner who seemed to hear DPNA's concerns and wants to be a good neighbor. Curtis makes a motion to oppose 4 am licenses, Susan seconds it and the motion carries. Curtis will research and send out information to monitor alcohol license applications.

Deer Park sign at Eastern and Bardstown. Jeff has spoken with Fred who has been delayed in finishing because of inability to get to the sign that is located at his shop at JCTC. Jeff and Helen will follow up with Fred. Susan suggests a deadline.

Bike Rack: Jeff has spoken with James Graham and will follow up soon.

Social justice. Bob: in light of recent events the DPNA board should take time to reflect on how we work toward social justice in our community. He reads a list of 10 things you can do for social justice right now. He suggests that board members reflect 3-5 minutes per meeting to reflect on social justice. The board agrees, as long as said discussions take too much time.

Charles moves to adjourn, Susan seconds and motion carries.