

Deer Park Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2020

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

In attendance were board members Susan Harmon, Helen Payne, Jeff Hughes, Curtis Stauffer, Charles Puckett, Mike Fautz, Alan Scherer, along with interested neighbors and former board member, Art Cesaro and Tyler Park Neighborhood Association board member, Shawn Reilly. Charles Puckett led the meeting which began at 7:02 P.M.

Charles led the **Social Justice Minute** and shared the definition of social justice: justice in terms of the distribution of wealth, opportunities, and privileges within a society and that four pillars held up this notion of social justice: equity, access, participation and rights.

Introductions

Approval of Minutes for June 2020 minutes Jeff moves to approve minutes, minutes approved by board.

Approval of Treasurer's Report Jeff shared the July 2020 DPNA financial reports which he has simplified to include: available cash balance, Profit and Loss for the month YTD and Profit and Loss by major program, currently Newsletter and Trees. DPNA has Net Assets of 13,378.35

Alan makes a motion to approve the treasurer's report, motion is approved.

Reports

Tree Committee: Helen shared tree committee progress:

The tree program is in full swing. Thirty households have signed up and we have orders for 14. The tree committee is shooting to get 70 trees in the ground and to focus on getting larger species that will enhance the canopy for years to come

The tree committee has a crew of ten neighborhood volunteers.

Woody Warehouse and Highland Moore have secured trees
Kyle at the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center on board with hosting tree delivery and the tree planting class and will select their tree soon.

Social media profiles of trees that educate neighbors about the different species available and their benefits encourage larger species.

Electronic payment options, Curtis suggests using paypal on the DPNA Website use that for tree recipients who do not want to use checks or cash.

Social Committee: Susan shares that the social committee is on hold because of COVID-19.

Membership Committee: Alan shares membership committee progress:

Calling recently renewed members has been very successful. In thirty phone calls he's gotten many positive responses and as well neighbors interested in joining committees, specifically two for Trees and three on Winterfest.

Alan is designing a postcard insert for the newsletter that lists accomplishments of DPNA, why to join, and an easy sign up.

Communications Committee: Curtis shares communications committee progress:

Website: Curtis requests that members upload a brief bio. 3 or 4 sentences.

Helen asks that we add link to tree website to DPNA website

Newsletter (Aug 10 article deadline) Discussion of whether we should do a paper newsletter in light of COVID-19. Alan submits that we need a newsletter especially in these times, consensus that we do a paper newsletter.

Twitter: Everyone is impressed with Bob's twitter for DPNA, "Best social media game in the highlands!" -Sean Reilly.
Susan suggests we emphasize membership on social media.

Neighborhood Plan Committee: Curtis shares neighborhood committee progress:

1st meeting focused on actionable issues related to Bellarmine. Charles is taking the lead on talking to the Dean about greening and zoning athletics for public access to green spaces.

Discussion of zoning with Michael King, Planning and Design Services implementing recommendations LU 3 or 4 page 82 of the plan. Art volunteers to be on that committee.

One item on the to do list is to create a neighborhood guide of resources.

Recommended zoning changes from the plan have not been implemented (items LU1, LU2, LU3 from page 81 of the plan). No changes have been made to the Traditional Marketplace Corridor boundary along Bardstown Road and item LU5 is still valid

None of the changes in zoning or form districts have occurred. Mike King will set up a conversation with PDS and CM Coan to start the process.

Audit Committee: Jeff shared the Audit Committee report:

Jeff and Mike reviewed and concurred that records were in order and the audit was completed. Curt makes a motion to accept the audit report and Susan concurs and the motion is approved

Old Business

Short Term Rentals: 1908 Bonnycastle (20CUP0021 - STR was denied) Good news and good work by DPNA, Bob Atkin and Brandon Coan testified and letters were written, now for a rent sign is in the front yard. Alan proposes we let people know what we have accomplished on social media Art concludes that remote meetings for the city continue after the pandemic.

Property owners can be cited for advertising properties that aren't registered.

BOZA has not been considering illegal use of properties as STRs when considering STR CUPs; and enforcement takes a really long time.

- a. Alley beautification (with Beargrass Thunder) - attachment
A discussion of whether to move forward: Jeff: How do we get neighborhood buy in? Susan: We need to meet with neighbors to help visualize? Curtis: Next steps? Newsletter article. Identify an alley. It is decided that we will move forward with this project.
- b. Neighborhood plan for BHA/CTA
Board members have not reviewed plans, but will do so.
- c. Deer Park sign at Eastern & Bardstown- Jeff reports that he has had no response from artist after recent emails. In August 2017 artist said the sign would be in place. Susan makes a motion that we give a deadline for the dedication of the sign on September 17th as Neighborhood Fest activity. Alan seconds the motion and the motion carries. Sean Reilly knows someone who could do the work and give a quote if the current artist is unable to complete it.
- d. Bike Rack: Jeff talked to James Graham from public works and Brandon Coan. It looks like things are moving forward, the rack will be the farmers market and the plaque may be covered by public works.
- e. Neighbor fest: yard sale on the same date. Alan asks how to make it safe? Suggestions include: packaged food, encouraging people to wear masks etc...

New Business

Board meeting in person or remote meeting during pandemic? It is agreed that we continue to have meetings outside and in the case of inclement weather, go to a digital format

Susan moves we adjourn, Alan seconds the motion and the meeting is adjourned at 8:16 PM