

Deer Park Neighborhood Association Board Meeting October 13, 2016

Board members present: Susan/Allee Harmon, Alan Scherer, Art Cestaro, Dean Adams, Jeff Hughes, Dustin Edge, Marilyn Hrbek.  
Absent: Tim Darst, Ton Ali, Jenifer Frommeyer, Charles Puckett, David Maxwell.

Also present: Councilman Tom Owen, Officer Kevin Mumphrey, neighbor Lauren Humpert, Water Company Rep. Vince Guenthner. Neighbors Jeremy Songer, Jody Caldwell.

Minutes: The minutes were sent out electronically-no corrections or additions added. Jeff moved they be approved, Allee seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Reports were sent out electronically. DPNA has assets of \$7,61.41. Dean motioned & Marilyn seconded that they be approved. Motion approved.

Division 5 Police Report: Officer Mumphrey distributed copies of his report. Five (5) property crimes occurred in the neighborhood-2 burglaries, the theft of a vehicle, a theft from an unlocked vehicle & vandalism.

He reported car break-ins are going down. He said police are trying to revitalize block watches.

Councilman Owens Report: Tom commented that at the end of his term in December, he will have served 23 years in city & merged governmentservice.

He reported on the upcoming CyLouvia on 10/16. He will lead a children's parade. He said Brightside is having a litter pickup on

10/22. He said the Solid Waste Dept & Habitat Re-Store have a new contract, whereby Solid Waste paid for an industrial sized paint mixer so that the Re-Store can take LATEX only paint from donors & mix huge batches of it with pigment that will blend it to certain colors & then sell it.

The Harmons reported seeing recyclables being tossed in with yard waste. Tom said Solid Waste acknowledged it happened, but it is not policy. It is still being investigated.

Tom continued that in November a sidewalk, where there is none, will be installed on Norris Place-between Stevens & the alley to the south of Stevens.

Tom had no information on the latest status of the closed Calvary Church on Richmond. He spoke about the "sharows" markings on Fernwood & Bonnycastle & other streets. They are meant to give a bit of comfort to bicyclists that cars are to "share" the road with them. Public Works is responsible for putting down the signs. Alan asked who with the city checks on property that's not being maintained? Tom said call Metro Call & someone will investigate & determine if the Property Maintenance Code is being broken. Dustin spoke about seemingly abandoned street work (possibly by the Water Co.) at the corner of Speed/Bardstown Rd. Crushed rock has been scattered from a hole, leaving a drop-off. Also, he asked if anything could be done about drivers cutting through Liquor World's parking lot in order to avoid the stoplight. Tom said the curb cuts on each side of the store are allowed. He had no immediate solution.

Vince Gunthner of the Louisville Water Company spoke about the upcoming major LWC project. After three major water main breaks-impacting U of L, Crittenden Drive & Eastern Pkwy &

Baxter, this project came about. New steel water pipes will be installed inside the old cast iron pipes. Work will start near the Medical Arts Building & proceed east. He distributed graphics & written information. He has spoke to all the neighborhood associations that will be impacted. He said Eastern Parkway will be reduced to one lane-each direction. The lanes on the north side will be the lanes that will be closed. He said they have investigated to minimize tree loss, however at least 22 tree will be cut down-6 are small (2 inches around) & 2 have the emerald ash borer disease. A large walnut & oak will be taken down. Allee commented that the wood would be valuable. Vince said MSD can make a small contribution to DPNA toward buying more trees. (He mentioned \$300.) He said the LWC website will be the best source of information on this project.

Technology Committee: Susan reported this new committee is off & running. It is composed of Dustin, Jeff, Jeremy & Jody. Dustin shared that they're looking for input on what direction they should take. For example: ideas for the home page, for updating the logo, for putting the Neighborhood Plan on a PDF file & adding additional PDF's to Deer Park's information-as in past board minutes. He said an Instagram page has been created, but what about general postings? (Consensus was general info on the website was OK & if it was personal opinion-the writer would need to sign off on it.)

Tree Project: Susan reported the board needed to sign off on the Memorandum of Agreement with MSD in order to continue getting grant funds. Alan motion to approve the agreement & Art seconded. Motion approved.

Additionally the board agreed to a Bulk Planting Permit, now required by the Division of Community Forestry & the Office of Sustainability. Susan said soon the tree planting day will be

announced, along with tree planting classes.

Newsletter Ads: Jeff shared that we are currently steady at 17 advertisers. They bring in \$2,400 in revenue, however to print the newsletter is costing \$2,786. (A 16% differential). He proposed increasing a single small ad from \$35 to \$42 & a single large ad from \$70. to \$84. Additionally, he proposed increasing the cost of 4 ads(one in each issue for a year). The small ad package would move from \$100 to \$120. The large ad package would move from \$200 to \$240. Alan motion the changes be made, starting in 2017, Marilyn seconded. After a discussion, this increase of 20% passed. It was also agreed that the cost of printing needs to be reviewed. Alan said he will contact other neighborhood associations & learn what they pay for printing & who they use.

Alan's Report: Alan reviewed a number of events & items. He suggested the Water Co's offer of cash be followed up. He said he will talk with Chris, the minister of Highland Presbyterian Church, about DPNA keeping an information box at the church-for use at the Farmer's Market. He noted that with Beth Nolte no longer managing the Market, any plan to consider requesting funds from the councilman, have been shelved. He reported that the BOZA has denied the building of the house on Speed/Radnor. He had contacted the immediate neighbors & they rallied against it. The house plans were found marred & the developer was denied. He said he went to one of Brandon Coan's open district meetings. He said Brandon's philosophy is One Highlands. He said the Highland Connection will be eliminated & that there will be an advisory board to the councilman established. Alan said the NeighborFest was rained out, but, 14 volunteers from Deer Park were there in force, working! He said DPNA routinely has donated \$100 to the event & he made the motion that \$100 be sent this year to Highland Presbyterian Church.

\_\_\_\_\_seconded. Motion carried. He said WinterFest will be coming. He said folks are going to be encouraged to bring cards for Tom & Terra. He said their award will be one or two bike racks. He & Susan have been looking for location(s) for installation. He motioned that up to \$1000 be allocated for the purchase & installation of one or two bike racks & plaques at these locations. Marilyn seconded. After a discussion, motion passed. All were invited to share location ideas.

Neighborhood Plan: Art said The Plan goes to the Planning Commission on October 27th at 11:00am. The Planning Commission is located across the street from the Cathedral of the Assumption. He will attend. Alan mentioned the possibility of an open house for neighbors to talk about the completed project/plan. Art showed thank you proclamations he had printed for the advisory board for The Plan. He suggested framing the thank yous. Marilyn motioned & Alan seconded that funds be made available for buying frames (uncertain about the amount). Motion carried.

There being no further business, Alan motioned & Jeff seconded adjournment. Motion carried.