

Minutes of May 28, 2019 Board Meeting

The meeting, which was held at Hotel Indigo, was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Richard Mones.

Board Members Present: Howard Davis, Allison Ficken, Jim Lampl, David Lough, Richard Mones, Sue Stewart and Debbie Trice. Absent: Emilie Campos and Ryan McBride.

Board activities since the last meeting

Francisco Jimenez submitted his resignation from the Board via email dated May 14.

AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of the Minutes:

Minutes of the April 9 Board meeting accepted as corrected. M: Sue; S: Howard; Passed

Treasurer's Report:

- Reported March bank account statement ending balance: \$3,008.36
Reported April bank account statement ending balance: \$2,756.36
Reported Running Adjusted Balance as of May 28: \$2,946.95
- Updated RDA yearly operating expense budget sheets as per Board approvals:
 - Web Site Maintenance/Operating Adjusted: \$320.93
 - Community Meetings: Location change remaining 2 meetings to Fogartyville
no change to budget

CCNA request for support for proposed noise ordinance fine changes

M: Jim; S: Sue; Passed

RR0D2 on June 3 City Commission Agenda

Howard presented the background, issues and challenges to the Board, and proposed a 30/10/30 strategy (30 emails from the community; 10 speakers during public comment; 30 in audience).

Key challenges include:

- Howard is excluded from the team presenting to the City Commission and limited to a 3-minute public comment;
- Our "Working Group" RR0D proposal is likely competing with a hastily put together plan with a greater percentage of affordable housing (and city is dealing with increasing citizen complaints about traffic and housing costs)

Action Plan:

- Howard will generate a document for posting on the RDA website outlining the reasons why the "Working Group" proposal (Option 3) is the best; recruit speakers for the public comment period and assign topics to cover.
- Debbie will send an email blast to RDA members requesting that they email the City Commissioners and key City staff expressing support for Option 3 and attend the meeting if possible. The link to Howard's document will be provided.

Park Master Plan on June 3 City Commission Agenda

David reported that the City Commission meeting materials include a new prioritization scheme that hadn't been made public before. Two-thirds of the points can only be awarded to existing parks, placing new parks – like Rosemary District's – at a permanent disadvantage. Howard agreed with David that RDA has to speak out on this. "A vote to approve these criteria is essentially a vote to permanently prevent Rosemary District from getting a park."

Key message for RD members to convey: "We want a park!"

Action Plan:

- David will contact Carrie Seidman to recommend that she write a column on RD's need for a park; recruit a half-dozen speakers; talk one-on-one with Commissioner Jen Ahearn-Koch and PREP Board Chair Carl Shoffstall; draft content for an email blast.
- Debbie will send an email blast to RDA members requesting that they email the City Commissioners and key City staff saying simply that they want a park in RD and offering a personal reason why; and will post on the website background information that David provides.

Community Workshop on May 30 re: 1290 4th St.

The developer's representative will present plans for the site at the meeting which will be held at Fogertyville. Debbie will send a reminder email blast to the full distribution tomorrow.

Neighborhood Grant Exploration

David, Allison and Debbie met to discuss potential projects for a Neighborhood Grant. They agreed that converting the bare landscape in front of the Mural on 5th Street at Central into a planted area with seating would be an ideal project for a Neighborhood Grant. They requested Board authorization to explore the concept with County Neighborhood Services. There was unanimous consent. Sue offered to participate in the meeting with Neighborhood Services as needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 11.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Trice, Secretary