

Minutes of the Meeting of the Northwest Carbondale Neighborhood Association Board
19 November 2012

Present: Yolana Presley, Patti Diggle, Jessica Bradshaw, Brent Ritzel
Absent: Lorie Allen, Adam Loos, Thelma Herschbach, Mark Robinson,
Guest: Dan Boeckman (SIH Design and Construction Director)

Yolana Presley called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. in Memorial Hospital Conference Room A/B with her proxy for Adam Loos making a quorum.

Minutes: Jessica Bradshaw moved, seconded by Patti Diggle, that the minutes of the October meeting be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Patti Diggle presented the Treasurer's report (attached). She noted that the double-billing of the P.O. box still had not been credited to our account. She will follow-up with the post office.

Committee reports:

Executive Committee: Yolana Presley briefly reported on the tour of the Armory on October 25, 2012. Five members of the Board were lead through the Armory by the new owner, Andy Wallace, and his wife, Chris Boettcher. Since the tour was held in the evening, the tour was limited to the main Armory building. Although much of the building will provide offices and storage for the Wallace's business, several areas will potentially be rented for public or private functions. Mr. Wallace indicated several times that he would like to see neighborhood involvement in future activities at the Armory.

Liberty Village PUD: Jessica Bradshaw reported that the City Council passed a resolution approving an amendment to the preliminary PUD Plan for Liberty Village. The Liberty Village Neighborhood Association had approached the Neighborhood Action Group with concerns that the PUD plans presented to the City by the development corporation had changed and that their concerns were not being addressed. Prior to the Council meeting, the development corporation met with representatives of the Liberty Village Neighborhood Association and addressed their concerns. Jessica also noted that the Planning Commission will meet on an "as needed" basis instead of the regular meeting schedule in the past.

Other committees: No other committees have met since the previous meeting.

Correspondence: No correspondence was received.

Unfinished Business:

TIF #3: Copies of an email sent by the Neighborhood Housing Action Group regarding the proposed TIF district were distributed at the meeting. The email contains questions and answers regarding the Proposed TIF District – Oakland Sycamore Redevelopment Project #3. Jessica Bradshaw presented information on the long-term impact of TIF districts on tax revenues from the TIFreports.com website. Brent Ritzel volunteered to get a copy of the full report for the Property and Real Estate Committee, and to contact John Parkinson about meetings held in that area of NW Carbondale regarding the TIF. Jessica Bradshaw volunteered to modify the TIF flyer distributed in September/October and write a preface to an email to forward to NCNA members prior to the 11-December-2012 public hearing on TIF #3.

Board vacancies: No update on filling Board vacancies was available.

Logo Contest: Patti Diggle reported that no entries have been received at the P.O. box for the logo contest. The current deadline for the contest is January 20, 2013.

General Meeting: Yolán Presley volunteered to contact Andy Wallace about having the January General Meeting at the Armory on 26-January-2013. It was noted that chairs for the meeting may be an issue. Dan Boeckman asked that Mr. Wallace contact him about the possible surplus chairs at SIH in the future.

New Business:

Pecan Street Historic District: Brent Ritzel volunteered to contact John Parkinson and others who may be active in creating an historic district in the Pecan Street area.

City Council Elections: The Board discussed developing a candidate questionnaire with issues of specific concern to NCNA. Yolán Presley volunteered to post a need for volunteers to develop a candidate questionnaire on Facebook. The two members of the NCNA Board (Jessica Bradshaw and Brent Ritzel) who have filed as candidates, as well as any other NCNA Board or members filing as City Council candidates, would be excluded from participating in the development of a questionnaire.

Announcements:

Human Relations Commission Meeting: Jessica Bradshaw announced that the HRC meeting on 3-December-2012 will be a public dialogue on the issues of racism, the police, house parties. The Commission has requested statistics on crime in the Carbondale area.

Memorial Hospital Energy Center: Dan Boeckman reported that the apartment buildings and house at 200 and 202 North Poplar will be demolished in the near future. Construction of the emergency power facility will begin in the spring of 2013. Dan also reported that SIH purchased another house on Oak Street that was subdivided into 14 apartments. Given the derelict condition of those 14 units, the building will be demolished to create green space.

Winter Farmer's Market: Jessica Bradshaw distributed flyers for the Winter Farmer's Market to be held on 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays between December 1 and March 23 at Thomas School (1025 N. Wall Street).

Adjournment: Patti Diggle moved, seconded by Yolán Presley, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Diggle, Treasurer