

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Northwest Carbondale Neighborhood Association
17 December, 2012

Present: Patti Diggle, Yolan Presley, Adam Loos, Jessica Bradshaw, Thelma Herschbach, Brent Ritzel

Absent: Karen Hennrich, Mark Robinson, Lorie Allen, Zachary Kemp

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Conference Room D, SIH.

1. Yo Presley moved, second by Brent Ritzel, that the minutes of the November meeting be approved. Motion passed.
2. Reports of Officers:
 - 2.1. The Secretary is absent due to a conflict. There is no Secretary's report
 - 2.2. Patti Diggle presented the Treasurer's report. She noted that the Post Office double billed us for our box and has still not provided a credit. She will continue to follow up on this issue.
 - 2.3. Presidents Report. Adam is just getting back to normal after the joyous occasion of the birth of his son Truman just a month ago. He intends to reinstall our Web site so that it can accept the WordPress updates sometime soon. He will add Yo as an alternate administrator.
3. Committee reports. Most committees did not meet. Several members did attend the NAG meeting and subsequent hearing on Carbondale's proposed TIF districts at the City Council Meeting.
4. There was no Correspondence to report.
5. Unfinished Business:
 - 5.1. Finalize plans for January Membership meeting: Adam will contact Andy Wallace about the time of our meeting (now 2 PM on January 26th) and find out if we will need to provide chairs. We also need to have speakers lined up. Possible suggestions are: Craig Anz and also Carbondale Police/Neighborhood Watch topic. We would also like it if Andy would offer a tour of the Armory. We need to address changes to our By-Laws at this meeting: specifically: a possible revision to the language on Board Member requirements for attendance. Patti and Yo will look over the minutes of the past year to find other By-Law issues. We will meet as a Board again before the General Meeting, on January 14th at 6:30 PM at Key West Lounge.
 - 5.2. Board Vacancies: Adam asked Andy Wallace and he declined. Al K. has not been contacted, nor have the principles of the Pecan St. group. Brent offered to contact Mark Robinson about his willingness to continue and, if not, whether or not Rebecca would serve. Patti will contact Al K. Brent will contact the Pecan St. folks. Adam will email all current Members and ask if any are willing to serve. We currently have 2 open seats with a possibility of 2 more.
 - 5.3. Follow-up on TIF districts at Neighborhood Action Group meeting: Some discussion. The TIF districts will be voted on at a special City Council Meeting to be held at 9AM on December 28th. We feel they will be approved. Our task now is to stay informed as these districts evolve.

6. New Business:
 - 6.1. Patti made a motion and Jess seconded to correct the October Minutes. Steve R. should read Steve Sawyer. Motion passed.
 - 6.2. Our Process so far: Discussion. While our motivations are correct, we cannot operate as a consensus management group. We must be able to take a stand on issues we feel need to be addressed by having a vote on these issues. The issue of opposing the garage occupying the building at the corner of Sycamore and Oakland is an example. We agreed to bring this to the membership for a vote.
 - 6.3. Patti moved and Jess seconded a motion to have the Communications Committee prepare and mail a postcard and decide other ways to disseminate the information about the Annual Membership Meeting. Motion Passed. The C. C. will meet at noon on Friday, the 28th of December at the Long Branch Café.
 - 6.4. Planning for a City Council Candidate Forum: (Brent & Jessica were excused) Adam moved and Thelma seconded a motion to form a special committee of those still present to plan for a candidate forum for the 2013 municipal election. Motion Passed. Issues specific to the neighborhood were discussed. We will wait until after the primary to have a forum.
7. Announcements: Jessica reports that the Next Human Relations Commission will meet January 7th and will be discussing race relations and house parties.
8. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Yolan Presley, Vice President