

Northwest Carbondale Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
18 February 2013

1. Present: Lorie Allen, Adam Loos, Yo Presley, Jessica Bradshaw, Rachel Robinson, Patti Diggle, Al Kuczynski

Guest: Gerrald Archibald

2. Lorie Allen moved, Patti Diggle seconded, that the minutes of 1/14/13 be approved.

Approved.

3. Officer Reports. Treasurer's Report. New members were reflected in the report distributed and a list was sent to the BOD and members via email.

Adam Loos reported that since the general meeting, updated by-laws have been posted on the web-site. A letter to the Mayor and City Council was drafted regarding the results of the vote regarding the Garage and Budsllick Development. An updated list of Gmail addresses has been developed and Adam will send them to Yo, who will invite everyone to join the group on Facebook.

4. Committee Reports. No committees met.

5. Mr. Loos's letter to Mayor Fritzler was read.

6. Unfinished Business. Logo Contest. We liked the logo submitted overall but would prefer that the street signs be bigger and the font clearer. The Armory eagle as a logo was preferred. We will revisit this issue over email.

7. New Business. Communications Officer/Communications policy. Lorie Allen agreed to take over emails regarding meeting announcements, arranging meetings, etc. Yolanda Presley agreed to work with the website, update Facebook and Twitter. Lorie will be the point person; Yo will do the web site work. Patti Diggle noted that correspondence should be phrased based on what this board can and cannot do. Adam noted that anything going out to a wider distribution should be sent to the Board for approval first. Yo Presley moved, second by Jessica Bradshaw, that Lorie Allen be Communications Officer with the understanding that official communication went to the whole Board for approval first. Approved.

Yo Presley moved; second by Lorie Allen; that the letter to the City Council and Mayor Fritzler should be sent to the Mayor with the Council, Chris Wallace, and Kevin Baity included as a cc. Approved.

Adam Loos noted that he has been attending planning commission meetings regarding zoning revisions. The pertinent part for NCNA is that older parts of town are not up to code. It is impossible to repair your property if it is damaged. This creates problems with insurance,

preservation remodeling, etc. What Adam thinks should happen is the establishment of a “traditional neighborhood district” so that these properties become legally confirming. Lorie Allen moved, second by Yo Presley, that Adam present an official view of the group at the next Planning meeting that this idea is supported with the provision that if Carbondale grows one could choose to build the “traditional neighborhood” way or the other way. Approved with one abstention.

A letter was received regarding licensing of cats. It was proposed that cats be licensed as dogs are. It was recommended that we respond that the Board had considered the proposal and feel that the current City rules cover the concerns and encourage this resident to contact the proper authorities if there are problems with feral cats.

A letter was received expressing concern about section 8 housing. However, there is nothing that this Board can do regarding section 8 other than work with landlords. Ms. Robinson stated that we need to encourage home ownership in some way and that would help address this problem.

This discussion led back to the plan to “map the neighborhood,” and to determine which properties are rental and which owner-occupied. If the property owner is known, that person can be called if there is a problem. Otherwise landlords do not have a way to find out about a problem in time to offer a reasonable solution. Adam Loos noted that D. Gorton of the Arbor District has offered to help in this process. After additional discussion, Patti Diggle noted that this is a huge project and this Board does not have the time to do it.

Yo Presley moved, second by Patti Diggle, that the Property and Real Estate committee be charged to: 1) FOIA the rental list; 2) organize the mapping task 3) email our list and ask for help: “If you own, let us know. If you rent, from whom? What about your neighbors? Can you help us?” Approved.

Meeting Schedule. It was agreed that the 3rd Monday of the month works for meetings. There was a request to meet at 6 p.m. It was agreed that in lieu of a March meeting, we would attend the City Council Forum at the Civic Center on 3/18. Lorie will contact SIH to see if we can meet there in May, June, August, September, and November. Other meetings will be at Key West. Otherwise the meeting schedule is:

April 15 at Key West
May 20 at SIH
June 17 at SIH
July 15 at Key West

August 19 at SIH
September 16 at SIH
October 21 at Key West
November 18 at SIH
December 16 at Key West

8. Task Assignments.

Adam Loos noted that we adapted our by-laws from the Arbor District and they told us that many committees did not work. It is hard to find people to do the work. Adam Loos asked that

the Board think about whether or not the committees are working or should they be removed from our by-laws? Patti Diggle noted that the member list does include some interest in various topics. Before discarding committees, perhaps we can ask the membership to work on issues important to the neighborhood.

Al Kuczynski suggested that we select one committee and send out a communication regarding the urgency of that issue. They we can build up the organization. Adam noted he thought Safety and Security should be first. There should be outreach from the Chair of Safety and Security to see if interest can be generated.

9. Goals for NCNA. Adam Loos asked that the board think about the goals of the organization before the next meeting. We should work as a group on the priorities for the year.

Yo Presley moved, second by Jessica Bradshaw, that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorie Allen, Secretary