

CONA MEETING (Council of Neighborhood Associations)
MARCH 19, 2014 6:00 pm
Minutes

Present: Jan Sorby, Bryan Park; Don Granbois, Blue Ridge; Elizabeth Cox-Ash & Paul Ash, McDoel; Bill Milroy & Marjorie Hudgins, Old Northeast Downtown; Cynthia Bretheim & Patrick Murray, Prospect Hill; Tim Mueller, Elm Heights; Georgia Schaich, Green Acres; Debra Morrow, Broadview; Jim Kennedy, Spicewood; Jo Basey, Blue Ridge; Kathleen Boggess, Park Ridge East; David Walter, 6th & Ritter; David Dukey; Eastside, djduka@gmail.com.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00. Georgia Schaich presided for Pres. Jon Lawrence. In absence of Secy. Sandy Clothier, Cynthia Bretheim took minutes.

Introductions

Approval of Minutes Both February and March minutes will be submitted at the April meeting. Cynthia Bretheim moved to approve. Jan Sorby seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Current Planning

- University Courts. City Council voted 9-0 to put the University Courts bungalows on the historic register. Marge Hudgins, Old NE, is very happy to have the support in case it helps the Fijis respect the neighborhood. Bill Milroy, Old NE, article got good press, and hopes the City backs the neighbors.
- Growth Policies Plan (GPP) Jan Sorby & Patrick Murray reported that there is a hiatus. Jan and Patrick will ask Tom Micuda to speak to CONA, bring his maps to the April meeting. Issues are: Stealth Zoning changes, Granny Flats, and increased density.

Reports

- Bylaws Committee. Postponed until Jon is well.
- Education Committee. Tim Mueller, Elm Heights, updated re/occupancy enforcement. Do CONA attendees want better data? Here is what W Lafayette is doing:
 - a) Occupancy limit must be posted near door.
 - b) Truth in advertisement agreement
 - c) Two-page affidavit that landlord & tenants swear that X number of tenants live there
 - d) After X violations, rental permit can be on probation, and if not passed, may be rescinded.

Matlock Heights, Blue Ridge, and Park Ridge E. all have over-occupancy rental problems. Elizabeth Cox-Ash, McDoel said it would be good if the City has a list of tenants so there's a record. Tim said the regulations put a burden on the landlord, but protects them and their property also. Marge Hudgins reports that 5 occupancy/household isn't a problem in Old NE. Discussion. A poll was taken and all except one wants CONA to ask the City to require more identifying tenants. Everyone was asked to find out whether there is an over-occupancy issue in their neighborhood.

New Business

- McDoel and Prospect Hill are dealing with changes to conservation district designations. Current City Legal found that the neighborhoods were not in keeping with State regulations, and the City ended up moving conservation district designations into historic district designations in hopes of making regulations more in keeping with the original intent of conservation district, which has more lenient guidelines for neighborhoods. Legal Counsel would like to address it in order to protect these neighborhoods.
- Elizabeth reported that there are 271 properties in McDoel. Jo reported that Blue Ridge has 223 houses, and that it requires dues. They have 17 volunteers, and that really helps.
- The CONA executive committee will invite the Deputy Mayor to a meeting.

Meeting ended.