OTW Board Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2014

Present: Antoinette Powell, Keith Powell, Keith Bilyeu, Jon Corelis, Patti Coenen, Linda Muldoon, Brian De Groot, Hugh Bayer, Chris Vander Wielen

Loris Damerow said she would like to be on Committees but not on the Board

1. Review last meetings notes – 04-27-14 Can be posted on the website

2. Committee Reports –

- a. News letter, Website, Face Book, & Calendar Committee status Linda, Antoinette, Keith B, anyone else?
 - i. Newsletter (June or July timing?)

Linda is working on the newsletter shooting for July. Usually there's a statement from the President in the newsletter. The Exhibition Center should be addressed in the newsletter and we should be asked for neighborhood feedback. Mostly parking implications and the building is going into Jones Park. The Board should get the feedback channeled to email. Patti: City is doing a parking stud now. Linda: past scandals, upcoming events

Action: Linda make up an outline for the content. Are we going to do anything differently than we did in previous newsletters?

ii. Website Calendar status Keith B. - will get it up there

Action: Antoinette will give him login and password for website. Brian will give Keith B. spreadsheet with items and dates. Keith B. will use Google Calendar for the calendar. Keith B. suggested having the website as a standalone rather than being tied to focol.org so there could be login capabilities.

3. Old Business - (40 min)

a. Mission Statement – Editing or adjusting old statement - (Antoinette)

Action: The Keiths and Linda will be the Committee to rewrite the Mission Statement by the next meeting

b. Walking Tour Sheets Status (printing/editing/distribution) – (Antoinette & Linda) The order has been put in for 5,000 copies. Bring the bill to Hugh. Board approved the additional cost.

Action: Linda will contact the person from the local TV station to tell her when the brochures are here.

- c. Picnic & Dinner Committee status on volunteers (Picnic is Sept 7th) Need volunteers for picnic in September. Patti, Chris volunteered.
- Additional involvement from other neighbors
 Loris suggested Polly and Steve Anderson. We all need to talk to everyone about getting involved.
- e. Arbutus Park neighborhood or other neighborhood associations discussion (Linda)

Neighborhood Voice, Arbutus Park newsletter. They're doing terrace gardens. Working on playground at Columbus School - got Community Block Grant. They're on Facebook and deliver leaflets by hand.

Action: Brian will meet with Julie Filapek

Beautification: How about wild flowers on either side of the stairs wild flowers on the old Water Treatment site?

4. City Report – Patti – (5-15 min)

Pioneer Park: Trying to get it done this year. Public Works has to do more grading, they hope by the fall. Council bench is safely out in front of the monument place. Patti will send out final plan for the design to everybody. Jackman Bridge project will begin next spring (2015) and will probably last through the summer. Property owners on either side will not be assessed for the work. City is negotiating with adjacent property owners for the ramp. Stairs will not go down from Prospect until the following year. Exhibition Center meeting will be discussed in closed session after Council meeting. There haven't been any formal discussions between the City and the County about parking. The second OTW sign has been found. It's on Lawrence St., not on Sixth, which is what the invoice said.

Action: Patti: will ask them nicely to move it

The talk turned toward Special Assessment. The Special Assessment cannot be covered by borrowing money. Taxes cannot be raised without a city-wide referendum. Linda suggested assessing according to the property value.

- 5. New Business (20 min.) None
- 6. Treasurer's Report (5 min) Hugh gave the treasurer's report
- 7. New Items for Website Calendar -(2 min)
 - a. Items that need to be added National Night Out, Picnic, dedication of the triangle, Hearthstone events, St. Mary's homecoming, mass schedules, anything going on in the neighborhood, St. Joseph Fall Festival.

Action: Send Brian dates for these things

8. Next Meeting? - (2 min) Sunday, July 20, 7:00, Patti's house