

Jan. 17, 2016

Present: Antoinette Powell, Brian DeGroot, Donald Elston, Linda Muldoon, Peggy Samsa, Hugh Bayer, Paula Sosalla, Patti Coenen

Regrets: Keith Billyeu, Jon Corelis, Katrin Patience, Keith Powell

Meeting began at 7:04.

1. Review last meetings notes – 11-22-15

Linda requested a deletion from the previous minutes. Minutes: Linda moved, Paula seconded. All approved. Will be posted minus deletion.

2. Committee Reports – (20 min)

a. News Letter – Winter, content, Linda suggested that Departments in the City and County get paper copies and Historic Preservation Commission members.

i. More history on the bridge

▶ Action: Linda will get story to Antoinette

ii. African Americans

▶ Antoinette will continue the stories in the newsletter

iii. Part 2 of the Conkey story

▶ Action: Linda is working on it, Antoinette has a photo

iv. Summarizing active committees -

Linda suggested Welcoming Committee, Picnic and Annual dinner Committees, Pioneer Park Celebration Committee (Spring), Walking Tour Distribution Box (not really a committee, just asking of someone can help), same with Facebook or Website. Email Brian if you are interested.

▶ Action: Antoinette will incorporate these into the newsletter

v. Something encouraging people to join the FB group, such as posting photos, gardening tips, recipes, mystery photos, etc.

▶ Action: Antoinette will include "what to do on FB" in the newsletter

vi. Remembrance of Roy Baumruk

▶ Action: Antoinette will reprint what's on the website

vii. Donald ad

▶ Action: Donald will send new artwork to Antoinette

viii. Linda suggested getting the scholarship going again. A previous recipient said it helped her a lot. Can also go on website and Facebook.

### 3. Old Business – (40 min)

#### a. Face Book Posting by Board Members

Not all Board members posted in the last 2 months.

▶ Action: Brian suggested all Board members post on the FB group.

#### b. Neighborhood Watch Program

Brian - do we want to do anything?

Peggy: Our neighborhood is pretty good about watching out for each other. You need a captain for each block.

Brian: how so that happening? Is it informal?

Linda: It's reported to the police

Brian: if something happens let people know, too.

Paula asked what block captains have to do

Peggy: Once a year meeting and sending out information to your block. Each captain sends out a crime report

Patti said she gets those and will forward them if is that's what people want.

Brian: if there are only three blocks interested we can get three captains. Are we interested in pushing this?

Donald: a FB post can get some word out about happenings

Linda asked Patti if things are happening in the neighborhood

Patti said really not anything going on now

Donald - there's a difference between something happened and incidents being repeated.

Patti you have to have people scheduled to walk the neighborhood.

Donald said there is an Appleton Neighborhood Watch FB page

▶ Action: Peggy will find out what the requirements for Neighborhood Watch

▶ Action: Brian requested that it be put in the next newsletter, website and FB, ask if anyone is interested in a neighborhood watch.

[Follow-up after the meeting: Patti will put a mailing list together on her city email so that she can forward items of interest to the OTW.]

c. Vice President

▶ Action: Brian will read the bylaws and see if we need a Vice President. If someone is interested we can vote them in now or in the spring.

d. Old Third Ward Boundary adjustment

Brian - do we need to redraw the neighborhood's boundaries? Residents of Lawrence Court requested, for the City's Neighborhood Program, that it be grouped with the downtown neighborhood. Antoinette said historical the neighborhood boundaries are separate from this city program.

Brian said in the grant proposal he put together for Dave Kress, we missed being a low income by a very little bit. Would this change things?

Linda said our neighborhood is too affluent for rehabs grants

Brian suggested if we play games with boundaries we will redraw the boundaries

Patti said the city has maps from census records to review for grants

Brian said Dave was unfamiliar with our boundaries around Memorial and Lawrence boundaries

Patti - do we have a legal definition?

Brian - no we don't. Dave has been in the loop about this.

▶ Action: Brian will revisit the grant with Dave

e. Pioneer Park – Walking Tour box – Brian & Patti, Dan Kuen

► Action: Brian will do small drawing

- f. Email to Downtown Alderperson's with newsletter and an invitation to receive newsletter quarterly

► Action: Brian will send email to Alders

#### 4. City Report – Patti – (5-15 min)

Exhibition Center is moving along with geotechnical studies. Mayor is putting a running list together so people who need to know can keep up. Finished planning for S. Oneida rebuild all the way to 441. Marigold Mile will be in place - a full foot to work with on both sides.

Brian asked who's running for Mayor? Josh Dukelow, City Planning Commission.

Patti said there is a downtown mobility study underway (how to move people whether they are walking, driving, busing, etc.)

Brian - what about the library? Patti said Council hasn't heard much yet

Patti said the trestle situation is close to being settled. There may be substantial grant money for rehabbing the trestle near Atlas.

Patti said Joe Martin is proposing building a permanent concert structure for Mile of Music in Jones Park

Patti said if there are street lights out, WE Energies owns these. You can get an app that immediately reports lights out.

► Action: Antoinette will look for the app and post something on FB

#### 5. County Report – Katrin (5-15 min) - Katrin was not able to be at the meeting but Brian has a lot of notes from her:

- a. County expansion - they are voting on a bond for Plan D in the next two months but the plan will be tweaked. There are closed door committee discussions of that plan. Linda asked if Antoinette has a copy of Plan D. Antoinette said yes.
- b. Moving sheriff's department: Perhaps a joint patrol possibility at the end of January. Katrin said she is against the move.
- c. Exhibition center property - Katrin said it's out of the County's hands and up to the City
- d. Email list for notices of Property Committee agenda - Katrin will set Brian up

- e. Katrin offered to attend or be a member of the County Expansion Oversight Committee. All agreed that she should be on the Committee.

6. New Business – (10 min)

- a. 2016 Budget - put on the agenda for next meeting (Brian)

▶ Action: Brian will send Hugh a copy of last year's budget. Brian asked if anyone wants a copy - no, just review it at the next meeting

- b. Paula - are they going to put guarding up on the Jackman bridge on the ends of the bridge where the drop offs are?

▶ Action: Patti will call Chad.

[Follow-up after the meeting: Patti spoke with Chad Weyenberg about the bridge. There are railings going in all of the areas that now have orange fence. The railings were not ready at the fabricator, but the cement bases in which they will be installed are already in place around the bridge. Chad also said the stairway project is out for bid right now.]

- c. Paula - are there any ordinances about residences and lack of paint? Patti - yes there are. Most of those things are complaint driven.

[Follow-up after the meeting: Patti also spoke with Kurt Cranen Inspections Supervisor. He is going to take a look at the house on Walnut.]

7. Treasurer's Report was given– (2 min)

Brian asked if we are all caught up with reimbursements? Yes. Paula asked about the annual meeting

▶ Action: this will be an agenda item for the next meeting

8. New Items for Website Calendar – (2 min)

Patti said to remind people to go out and vote

Donald asked if there it's only the one voting location

Patti - yes, the school near St. Elizabeth

▶ Action: Antoinette will put voting day and Hearthstone events (Mystery Event) on the calendar

9. Next Meeting – (2 min)

Sunday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. Brian's house

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Linda asked Antoinette to look for a Post Crescent article for a better image: October 24, 1965, p. 20 "Runaways Endangered" The article was found but the images was not better than Linda's photocopy.