Regent Neighborhood Association

Board meeting

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Best Western InnTowner

Attendees: John Schlaefer, Dan O’Callaghan, Jen McDonald, Ronnie Hess, Ron Rosner, Megan Heneke, Charlie Peters, Mona Wasow, Mary Czynszak-Lyne

Guest neighbors: Marissa xxx, Ann Reis

Greeting by Teri Weiss, Sales Manager for the Best Western Plus InnTowner: Due to illness Ms. Weiss was unable to join us.

Consensus to move the agenda to deal with item number 5 prior to item number 4.

Review and approval of the minutes: Motion to approve of minutes from October 26, 2016 was made by R. Hess, second by R. Rosner. Motion passed. J. Schlaefer abstained.

Updates from elected officials: No reports.

Funding for the Prospect Ave-SW bike path gardens: Motion to grant $375.00 plus the water bill was made by J. Schlaefer, second by R. Hess. Motion passed.

Financial report; 2017 budget discussion: J. Schlaefer presented the RNA 2016 budget reflecting the actual expenditures for 2016. No recommendation was made for 2017 budget, will be discussed at future meeting. J. Schlaefer has committed to analyzing demographics of members and donations; a report will follow at a later date.

RNA West High Scholarship: J. Miskowski sent a report recommending funding two scholarships at $2500.00 each for this year. Motion was made by M. Czynszak-Lyne to support two scholarships at $2500.00 each, second by R. Hess. Motion passed.

The first recipient of the scholarship has not accessed all of the funds. Motion to reclaim funds for future use was made by R. Hess, second by C. Peters. Motion passes.

Reports from standing committees:

Communications: no report

Development and Preservation: J. McDonald reported the committee is interested in and would like to explore pocket parks for the neighborhood along with signage at entry points into the neighborhood, and art along the corridor

Festival: Dave Hughes is willing to chair the 2017 event.

Membership: no report

School Relations: J. McDonald reported the food pantry is open at West High. The school will pilot several ways to distribute food, including snacks for immediate consumption during the school day along with food distribution for weekend meals. A link to the food pantry will be added to the RNA website.

Sustainability: T. Pearce will be stepping down as chair due to other commitments. RNA is looking for volunteers to serve.

Transportation: C. Peters reported he sent a draft transportation report to the board for review and feedback; this item will be discussed March meeting. The owner of Oliver’s is interested in parking volume in front of his establishment. The traffic incident report was very active in the past and of late no activity or use. R. Hess expressed thanks for C. Peters’ work.

University Relations: M. Czynszak-Lyne reported on highlights from the Joint West meeting earlier in the day: an informational presentation on the UW Athletics Facilities Master Plan; a presentation on the Highland Avenue Underpass Art project – now named Shift; street construction projects in the area and impact; Edgewood High School’s request to expand the football field. J. Schlaefer will reach out to 1000 Friends and City regarding an update on the Underpass Art project.

Ann Reis requested to serve as the RNA representative to the Friends of Hoyt Park committee. Motion to appoint Ann Reis to the Friends of Hoyt Park committee was made by R. Hess, second by C. Peters. Motion passed.

For future discussion:

Annual Spring membership meeting – consensus to do more recruitment of new members.

RNA Transportation plan

July 4th festival – more discussion regarding serving beer at event.

Possible future financial support of the house for women and children (Healing House) near the First Congregational Church

Liability insurance for RNA board member – J. Schlaefer is seeking a quote.

Adjourned at 843p.

Respectfully submitted.

Mary Czynszak-Lyne

February 24, 2017