



Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting October 6, 2015

Rick Rausch called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

Board Members Present: Rick Rausch, Claire Leaman, Karl Hjerpe, Diane Gonzalez, Anne Giffels, David Pfendler, Chris Nelson, Dee DeCarlo and Chris Huff

Board Members Absent: Robert Jones

A quorum is present. President and Secretary are present for the regular meeting.

Others present: Phil Graff, Tom Leibig, Karen Pfendler, Stefani Turken, Shannon Waterfield

Approval of September meeting minutes: Dee DeCarlo (Motion) Chris Huff (2nd) passed unanimously.

President's Report: September 28, 2015 was the re-dedication of the Ella Jenkins Park. Alderman Smith attended and reminded Rick that she would like to have a plan for the park so that she can help find funding. Rick talked about the fact that the City does not allow the closing of sidewalks during festivals. And the Annual Meeting will take place on January 28, 2016.

Treasurer's Report: Claire reported on the September fiscal report. She explained that compared to last year, there were some increased and some unexpected charges with the Fall Festival, including insurance, tips and the band.

Standing Committee Reports:

Art Fair: Rick moved to appoint Vi Daley as the Art Fair Chair for 2016 and serve as the 2nd Vice President. Motion seconded by Chris Nelson. Voting yes: Claire Leaman, Karl Hjerpe, Diane Gonzalez, Anne Giffels, Chris Nelson, Chris Huff, Dee DeCarlo and Rick Rausch. Voting no: David Pfendler.

Bylaws Committee: Rick Rausch explained the process for the proposed bylaws. The Board reviewed all of the proposed changes to acquaint themselves with the proposals and the reasoning behind each. Further discussions will take place at the Special Membership meeting to be held on

October 27, 2015. All members of the Board were encouraged to attend. Tom Leibig, of the Bylaws Committee, addressed the board emphasizing that their role should reflect the needs of the membership.

Capital Improvements Committee: Chris Huff said there was little news. The window contractor has completed a move and will begin work at OTTA in October or November. He stated that the Condo is not interested in taking on the brick improvements necessary on Menomonee.

Communications: Anne Giffels had no report but reiterated that a search is now on for a new editor for the newsletter.

Events: Dee DeCarlo thanked the Board for their involvement in the Fall Festival. She is in the process of putting together a new committee and planning for a December event.

Gallery: Anne Giffels attended the opening of the current show and explained that it is a group exhibit.

Grants Committee: Diane Gonzalez said that the Principal of Franklin School had sent in pictures of the school children making use of their grant funding. She said that the school expressed its appreciation for the support.

Historic District: Karl Hjerpe stated that the committee held two meetings since the last Board meeting, including one special meeting. The special meeting was specifically to address the property at 322 W Willow and that through the committee's proactive actions, the building would be preserved to the OTTA's standards.

Karl also motioned that Bill Barry be removed from the committee as he has acted counter to the committee's mission of "preserving the historic and architectural character of the neighborhood." Diane Gonzalez seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Membership: Chris Nelson stated that there were a total of 448 voting members and 653 members. There were four new family memberships in September and two new individual memberships.

Neighborhood Improvement Committee: Robert Jones was absent. David Pfendler said that the committee had met and voted to find funds in their budget to cover the cost of replacing the bricks on Menomonee. They will make a formal proposal to the Board in November once the contractor has provided a bid.

David also asked that \$5,000 be moved from the tree trimming budget to the tree planting budget to allow the planting of 21 new trees. It will be a mix of ornamental and canopy trees. David motioned, Karl Hjerpe seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Discussion centered on how to better promote the work done by NIC and how to better plan for this type of need.

Neighborhood Relations Committee: No report.

Arts & Operations Committee: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None. There was a brief discussion about bricks and trees.

Motion to adjourn moved by Chris Nelson at 8:46pm, seconded by Anne Giffels.

Meeting adjourned.