



- Invitations to the First Sight Party are ready and will be mailed the week of May 11. We are cutting mailing expenses by using electronic mailing for some of the invitations. All 260 participating artists will receive invitations in their packets.
- Eight sponsors have been identified for the fair: The Rose Group, Yelp, Glunz, The Tribune Company, Artful Framer, WXRT, Luna, and Blick.
- Gate chairs are encouraged to use extra precaution to prevent gate-crashing and petty theft. Police will be patrolling the gates.

#### **HD/PZ**

Chairman Jeff Pines reported that the dvds containing photographs of all contributing houses in the neighborhood have been delivered. The discs will be used for future presentations and to document the way the houses appear as of this date.

#### **Membership**

Chairman Michael Warnick encouraged all Board members to attend the production of *Our Town* which features many Triangle members in key roles. In addition to the cast, members of the Walter Payton Concert Choir will be making a guest appearance and singing hymns appropriate to the play.

#### **Neighborhood Improvements**

- Chairman Dirk Vos reminded Directors of the Spring Clean-up scheduled for Saturday, April 25. Neighbor, Alex Shibicky, who is spearheading the activity again this year, has assembled a large number of volunteers, including members from St. Paul's Church who asked to be part of the endeavor. There will be a follow-up day on May 16 to do planting.
- New fencing has been installed around the trees and shrubs in front of the Lincoln Park Co-op Nursery School and the Buddhist Temple. The installation was a joint effort between the school and neighbors.
- A bronze plaque was stolen from the entrance to the Concord Lane condominiums.

#### **Contributions**

Alice Huff presented two proposals for the Board's consideration:

- LaSalle Language Academy request \$5,100 to support their Artist-in-Residence program. The emphasis this year is on drama—writing and production. OTTA Board members are invited to attend the final classroom presentations. The Board recommended approval of this request, but said that, going forward the contribution to LaSalle will be scrutinized. Since this is not our neighborhood elementary school and enrollment is citywide by lottery, we cannot put it in the same category as those designated Old Town neighborhood schools.
- The Abraham Lincoln Elementary School requested \$10,000 to enhance their computer technology program. Essentially they wish to purchase computer hardware and software to update existing equipment. The Board recommended acceptance of this request.

#### **Meeting of Organization Presidents with Alderman Vi Daley**

First Vice-President Phil Graff attended this meeting and reported the following:

- Henceforth, meetings among presidents of neighborhood organizations and the alderman will be held quarterly
- The alderman reminded all attendees of the neighborhood Spring Clean-up to be held on April 25, and urged that they remind their constituencies
- The summer trolley program returns on May 23 for the last year. The trolley runs on week-ends only.
- The 43<sup>rd</sup> Ward newsletter is now sending out crime alerts to all neighborhood organizations. Presidents and newsletter editors are urged to share this information with members.
- This year, neighborhood parking stickers will be incorporated into the city sticker program, which should facilitate matters for everyone involved.

### **CAPS**

CAPS liaison Shirley Baugher brought directors up to date on the problem of squatters in the house at 1739 N. North Park. Police are working with the Wells Fargo Bank, current owner of the property, to go through the eviction process and legally get the squatters out of the building. Right now, nothing can be done until eviction papers are served on those living in the house. Part of the problem stems from fees and bills that have stacked up and the bank does not want to pay these; they want to sell the property and have the new owner pay. But, they cannot sell until they get the squatters out and clean up the place. Neighbor Shannon Waterfield and Alderman Vi Daley are following up on the matter.

A second issue has to do with drugs being sold at 1761 N. Sedgwick. Police have spoken with the father of the drug dealer and informed him that they are watching her actions. The father assured them that she is using, but not dealing. Since the police have intervened, dealing activities have stopped, but they continue to monitor the situation.

### **President's Report**

President Fern Bomchill Davis reminded Directors of the neighborhood clean-up activity on April 25. She urged all Board members and neighbors to participate. She also reminded them of the Readers' Theatre production of *Our Town* being presented on April 18 and asked that they attend, if possible.

### **Administrators' Report**

Administrator Shirley Baugher informed the Board of the memorial gathering being held for neighbor Nancy Pinzke, who passed away on March 24. Friends and neighbors will celebrate Nancy's life on April 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the Triangle Center.

Administrator Leslie Wolfe pointed out the current gallery exhibition by artist Robert Pogatetz. She also shared a brochure issued by Boy Scout Troop 79, the troop sponsored by the Triangle Association.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.