

**Old Town Triangle Association
Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 13, 2010
1763 N. North Park Avenue**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING (Amended)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Fern Bomchill Davis, President

Attendance

Present: Chris Beer, Fern Bomchill Davis, Debbie Day, Phil Graff, Alice Huff, John Knoche, Jeff Pines, Emily Rose, Jacqui Thams, Dirk Vos; **Administrators:** Shirley Baugher, Leslie Wolfe; **Guests:** Martha Connolly, Phyllis Hall

Absent: Sue Apey

Approval of Minutes

There were changes to some names of Long Range Planning Committee members; the word "Committee" was exchanged for "Zoning Board" in the HD/PZ report; and the word "allocated" was exchanged for "distributed" in the Contributions Report. The Minutes were then approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report

John Knoche, Treasurer

John reported the following:

- Art Fair revenue from Gates was down about \$34,500 vs. the budget.
- Budgeting documents for the 2010-2011 fiscal year will be forthcoming.
- All expenses must be submitted before July 31 in order to close out the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
- A calculation of the Menomonee/OTTA art fair revenue split is under way and will be available as soon as all expenses have been factored in.

Committee Reports

Art Fair

Chris Beer, General Chair

Chris reported that we had a good art fair, despite the weather. Though Gates revenues were down, reduced operating expenses helped make up for the deficit. The move from having artists submit works for an auction to paying a set booth fee and replacing the program book with a fold-out map and information sheet contributed to keeping costs down and revenues up. In addition, eliminating the program book resulted in a reduced workload for staff. As a result, the Triangle will not lose money based on the way the fair was run. The following is a summary of expenses and revenues:

- Gross Fair Revenues \$330,000
- Budgeted Expenses \$373,000
- Direct Expenses \$ 89,000

- Indirect Expenses \$ 19,000
- Profit \$126, 000,
- 40 percent of the profits will go to the Menomonee Club (a total of \$50,208)

After noting that the enhanced website made a big difference in both fair interest and attendance, Chris transitioned chairmanship to Emily Rose, who will take over as 2nd Vice-President of the Board and General Chair of the 2011 Art Fair.

Neighborhood Improvements *Dirk Vos, Chairman*

Dirk brought two achievements to the attention of the Board:

- As a result of the Committee’s efforts, there is now a working fountain in Ogden Park.
- Power washing was done on concrete in **South Ogden, North Ogden, and the Sedgewick/Wisconsin Parks with the generous contribution of the water required by immediate neighbors.**
- There are new wheel chair accessible corners on Sedgwick and Wisconsin.

Membership *Chris Beer, Chairman*

Chris announced that activities for the 2010-2011 year have been determined. They are:

- Hoe-down and Meat Loaf Contest October 9, 2010
- Holiday Party December 6, 2010
- Annual Dinner January 27, 2011
- Dramatic Production March 2011
- Spring Musicale May 2011

Gallery *Jacqui Thams, Chairman*

Jacqui explained that a financial aid policy for students in need who wish to enroll in art classes . She said the policy will resemble that used by the Menomonee Club for admitting needy children.

43rd Ward *Debbie Day, Chairman*

Debbie reported that the Alderman’s Office had sent out notification of street repaving and repair for various parts of Old Town. These include: Cleveland-- North to Eugenie, Hudson-- North to Willow, St. Paul—North Park to Wells, and Crilly—St. Paul to Eugenie. The first phase includes scraping the old surface, followed by lifting sewers, and then putting down new asphalt. Different crews perform each function, so one phase does not immediately follow the preceding one. Dates of work will be posted on No Parking signs. Signs will be removed between phases. The Alderman is working with the DOT to make the process as efficient as possible.

CAPS *Shirley Baugher, Liaison*

Shirley explained steps being taken by the Chicago Police Department and the 18th District to prevent disturbances on the beachfront, especially from Fullerton south to

Chicago Avenue. Extra patrols have been added and cameras installed to help maintain order.

Contributions *Alice Huff*

Alice noted that "Thank-You" letters from institutions and organizations to whom contributions had been made were included in Directors' packets. She also reported that the scholarship awards to two deserving LPHS students had not yet been made because additional information was required. She has been in contact with the new principal, and he is working to submit the required documentation.

Capital Improvements *Martha Connolly and Phyllis Hall*

Martha and Phyllis have been working for some time to devise a plan for making improvements and needed repairs to the Triangle facility. Martha said it is important to take care of some really serious needs first, because if they are not addressed now, they can develop into major problems. The repair/rehab plan was divided into two sections: (1) maintenance and (2) capital improvements. Maintenance items include:

- Installation of a new computer system
- New flooring
- Prime and paint bars on windows
- Sand and varnish front door
- Tuck pointing
- New file cabinets for north room
- New air conditioning system

Capital Improvements include:

- Expanding and improving office space
- Installation of new windows
- Possible removal of drop ceiling in south room

Maintenance repairs can be completed in one year. Hopefully, capital improvements can also be accomplished in a year as well. The next step is to prepare a budget proposal for both maintenance and capital improvements items.

The General Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m., at which time the Board went into Executive Session.