



**Old Town Triangle Association
Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 13, 2011
1763 N. North Park Avenue**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Phil Graff, president

Attendance:

Directors Present: Tom Bracken, Phil Graff, John Knoche, Rick Hyer, Alan Lougee, David Pfendler, Jacqui Thams, Jeffrey Smith

Directors Absent: Dan Barson and Debby Day

Attending: Karen Pfendler, Tom Lebig, Norm Baugher

Executive Director, Arts and Operations Director: Dee McKinsey, Leslie Wolfe

Guest: Chasse Rehwinkel, assistant director of Constituent Services for the 43rd Ward

President Graff suspended the meeting, to allow Chasse Rehwinkel to discuss the requested parking time change in the Triangle. Board Director Jacqui Thams has proposed that the times change throughout the Triangle -- to discourage those who park in the Triangle and then take public transportation downtown. Changing the current times of 6 p.m. until 12-midnight to 6 p.m. until 9:30 a.m. would benefit people who reside in the neighborhood, and those who patronize Triangle area businesses.

Rehwinkel said that he would send the proposal to the Transportation Department for feedback, rather than go through hoops if the department will not approve. He said he does know that the department would oppose 24-hour bans. He also said he did not expect an immediate response because many in the department were taking their mandated days off. Because it is a large area there may be problems with an area-wide ban because of streets such as Sedgwick, which is a bus route.

Director Alan Lougee said he was concerned about the teachers and parents at LaSalle School and that their ability to park may be harmed. Everyone has to deal with parking, said Thams, who added that she did not see why the LaSalle people are entitled to neighborhood parking.

On another matter, says that despite other information, pothole maintenance will continue throughout the winter. As to the pothole on LPW, he said there are other complications because it is a sewer collapse, which is not as easy to repair.

The agenda schedule resumed, and Rehwinkel left for another meeting.

Secretary's Report: As the next order of business, the board agreed to the minutes as amended during the meeting pertaining to the election. Secretary Knoche said that there is no contested election this year.

Treasurer's Report: Changing hats, Treasurer Knoche, said the 990s had been mailed in, and the audit showed no irregularity in Triangle operations. Despite Knoche's concern that there will be a new board in January, and they will inherit a budget they did not plan. After some discussion, the board approved the new budget.

Committee Reports:

Art Fair Committee: Putting on his Art Fair Hat, John Knoche, vice chair of the art fair, said that they had a brainstorming meeting on December 6, and that several interested members of the Triangle attended and gave feedback on the art fair, what works and what doesn't. Among the suggestions was to improve the food vendors, and expanding the number of artists. A VIP tent is also being considered, along with ways to have more bicycle space.

Bylaws: Director Pfendler said that the bylaws committee had met on Monday, and decided against a line-by-line examination of the current document in favor of discussion and working separately on issues. Among the discussions: reducing the number of committees by combining them, allowing the board capacity of double membership on each committee of board members, rather than being stretched thin; the frequency of the meetings; have to clean up the document in several places, and structurally reorganizing.

From the audience, Karen Pfendler said that they found unanticipated issues that need to be addressed in the bylaws, and that they want to include a glossary, definitions and a table of contents. They also plan to reorganize the document.

Communications: Jeff Smith said that the committee will meet in January and tear the website apart to see what steps need to be taken to improve it. He also said that he will continue to work on the intern duties with an eye toward getting an intern this winter.

Capital Improvements: Chair Alan Lougee said that the air conditioning installation will happen next year, rather than over the winter as was originally thought.

Continuing Education: Chair Thams said that the new art class session will begin Jan. 7.

Contributions: Chair Knoche announced that the three submissions were not eligible in this funding cycle, so no contributions would be made.

Events: Chair Thams talked about the success of the turkeyless potluck, the food drive; and that the presentation by Miss Manners, Judith Martin, and her daughter, Bina, was excellent, and the Holiday Park had a good turnout. The event committee met and had a tentative plan for next year, including a bingo night.

HD: Graff said that the controversy on the 319 W. Concord property development, and he intended to sign a strong letter and meet with the committee and Michele Smith on objections to the new proposal, which passed through the Landmark Committee, and now goes before the entire

commission. Replacement landmark plaque has been cast, needs to be polished and probably will be installed the first or second week of January.

Membership: Director Knoche suggested an increase in membership fees, and it was unanimously approved by the board.

Types of Membership:

1 yr. Individual \$25	1 yr. Family \$40	1 yr. Senior \$20	3 yr. Senior \$50
3 yr. Individual \$65	3 yr. Family \$95	1 yr. Senior Family \$30	3 yr. Senior Family \$80
Individual Life \$300	Family Life \$450	1 yr. Business/Condo Assoc/ Not for Profit \$65	

Neighborhood Improvement: Director Pfendler presented the board with the survey of Triangle Trees, a copy attached here.

Neighborhood Relations: Chair Hyer discussed three upcoming events: Food drive continues, please remind your neighbors to contribute. The Food stays in the 18th District, and many bags picked up today to be distributed locally. If we get more donations, they will come back.

The Buddhist Temple brought over bags of new toys and clothes that they found under their outdoor stage. Presumably they were stolen, and the 18th District will try to track down the rightful owner.

Talked to the Community Relations Officer at the 18th, about an occasion column in the newsletter, and They are receptive.

Several meetings tonight about overcrowding in the neighborhood schools, most importantly Lincoln Elementary, and how that might impact LaSalle. We will report on that issue when we get more developments.

Any interested residents can attend the Children’s Memorial Hospital Town Hall Meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. This will be a meeting where the developer will roll out conceptual plans for the building after the Fullerton site is no longer used by the hospital.

Executive Director Report: Beginning first drafts of collateral material to support the various Triangle Operations. Doggie calendar a hit.

President’s Report: Graff said that he decided not to run in a contested election because he did not want to stir up bad feelings in the neighborhood, and that it was best if he stepped back. He said, however, he intends to remain engaged. He thanked the staff and the board for their continued support, and said it was a pleasure to be the president, and it was rewarding.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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