

Beechmont Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors Meeting—Monday, March 17, 2008

MINUTES

Board Members Present: President Bob Starck, Julie Brackett, Gary Guss, Corey Koellner, Dottie Krause, Elizabeth Meisburg, Jeff Miller, Brian Moore, Rick Pickerill, Linda Taylor, Jim Woodward

Board Members Absent: Laura Speedie, Debbie Thompson

Guests Present: Lt. Greg Mitchell, Linda Guss, Kathleen Jordan, Donna Pickerill, Vi Thompson

The March meeting of the Beechmont Neighborhood Association was held at the Beechmont Community Center. President Bob Starck called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Minutes of the February meeting were approved as distributed. The annual BNA calendar was distributed and approved with two changes: The Farmer's Market needs to be added for Saturday, August 30. Also, April 21 will be a general meeting with a possible guest speaker; therefore, the location may be changed.

The treasurer's report was given, indicating total expenses of \$1141.60 and a balance of \$5505.32. The report will be voted on at the next meeting due to two questions on membership amounts.

Report from LMPD: Lt. Mitchell distributed comparative crime statistics for Beechmont and surrounding areas and still compares favorably. There was only one auto theft which was exceptionally low; however, there are still a large number of auto thefts in the Americana area. Vandalism was up slightly which could be as a result of recent graffiti busts. Kathleen Jordan inquired about starting a block watch on her block.

President's Report: Bob reported that Linda Taylor volunteered to have the public affairs committee plan a general BNA membership meeting for April. Linda is trying to contact Linda Duncan to speak about the changes at Iroquois Middle School and Southern Leadership Academy. Both schools are going to be renamed for next year. The group discussed possibilities for a location for the April meeting. Linda will get back with the group regarding the location.

Public Affairs Committee: There will be a planning commission meeting on the Thornton's changes on April 3. The parking area will be shifted south by one lot and changed to C-1. The house immediately south of Thornton's would be removed, but the lot would retain its R-5 zoning. Bob asked board members to write the case manager in support of the change. Bob will email the information to the board so that we can provide written comments.

Bob also asked board members to write letters regarding the proposed alcohol licenses for Junior's Discount Cigarettes.

Special Events: Gary confirmed that Perry Clark will be bringing biscuits and gravy for the Mini-Marathon Breakfast on April 26. Dan Johnson's office will be providing picnic tables and a port-o-let for the event. Linda suggested that we order a new shipment of t-shirts; she will also investigate getting embroidered tote bags.

Donna Pickerill reported on the Festival of Flowers and passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Laura Hosbach is asking for business sponsorships of \$100 and is looking for suggestions of businesses to solicit. Laura is looking for volunteers for the food booth. Door prizes donations are also needed. There will be no charge for non-profits; commercial booths will be \$25.

Donna also reported that BNA's farmer's market is one of only two in Louisville to be approved for senior vouchers.

Beautification Committee: Gary Guss checked with Jack Trawick at the Louisville Design Institute to see if we could get an architect to volunteer their time to work on the gazebo. The committee that

volunteered at the March meeting will meet prior to the April meeting to come up with a list of suggestions to present to the board. Liz Meisburg suggested reinstalling the benches outside of the gazebo and removing the benches that are inside the gazebo.

Old Business: Rick Pickerill delivered two tubs of “pub mix” last month to the Fourth Division and will continue delivering snacks each month on behalf of BNA. Rick is on the police advisory board and will report back next month after the meeting.

Brian Moore reminded the group that the Operation Brightside cleanup will be on March 29. Volunteers will meet again at the lot across from Thornton’s. The cleanup is the same morning as the Papa John’s 10-Miler.

New Business: Brian will be representing the southwest quadrant (including BNA) on the Community Noise Forum with the Regional Airport Authority. He will report back to the group next month.

Kathleen Jordan is participating in the the Master Food Program and may be able to volunteer for the farmer’s market with food samples and information on nutrition.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The March meeting of the BNA board will be held on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Brackett—Secretary