

Beechmont Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, May 20, 2007

MINUTES

Board Members Present: President Bob Starck, Melissa Starck-Bean, Julie Brackett, Rich Galvin, Gary Guss, Brian Kolb, Elizabeth Meisburg, Jeff Miller, Rick Pickerill, Debbie Thompson, Jim Woodward

Board Members Absent: Lyne Ball, Laura Speedie

Guests Present: Nancy Browning, Doris Galvin, Linda Guss, Laura Hosbach, Marge Johannemann, Lt. Greg Mitchell (LMPD), Donna Pickerill, Lisa Sizemore, Michael Steinmacher (LFPL), Vi Thompson

President Bob Starck called the meeting of the Beechmont Neighborhood Association to order at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was present. Minutes of the April meeting were approved as distributed.

Report from LMPD: Lt. Mitchell reported that burglaries in Beechmont have been low, and he stated that there have not been any emerging patterns of crime. The division is receiving more reports on the telephone reporting unit regarding vandalism; many of these issues previously went unreported. Councilman Dan Johnson is again providing funding for off-duty officers to canvass the neighborhood doing crime prevention education.

Report from Louisville Free Public Library: Michael Steinmacher from the library attended to introduce Lisa Sizemore, the new branch manager at the Iroquois Branch Library effective May 21. She will also have systemwide responsibilities working with teens. Nancy Browning from the LFPL gave a presentation on the various resources available at the library and provided those in attendance with library cards if they did not already have them. She also distributed a petition for additional library funding.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Thompson advised that a full report would be available at the June meeting, including income and expenses from the Festival of Flowers.

President's Report: Bob Starck reported on a recent meeting with Southern Leadership Academy. As a result, after an incident of mailbox vandalism, the students responsible apologized and are making restitution to the homeowners.

Beautification: Liz Meisburg reported that she is in the process of planting flowers at the gazebo and that there are currently some lights broken there. Bob asked for volunteers to sign up to assist with landscaping at the gazebo throughout the summer; a sign-up sheet is being circulated at events and meetings.

The lot at Third and Florence was discussed. Churchill Downs has agreed to apply Roundup to the area to kill all the vegetation. Brian Kolb and Rick Pickerill volunteered to till the ground in preparation for planting knock-out roses and dogwood trees. A tentative planting date was set for Saturday, June 9 at 8:00 a.m.

Bob will contact Dan Johnson's office to get funding for the bond and signage.

Publicity Committee: Gary Guss has sent out a press release to announce the Open Air Market beginning on June 2. He also got 30 posters printed free to publicize the Market. Donna Pickerill has received inquiry calls from the *Courier-Journal* and *Velocity*. The next *Bugler* deadline is June 15.

Public Affairs: Jeff Miller reported that 5-7 people attended a recent meeting with Officer Brown from LMPD to discuss setting up new BlockWatches.

Farmer's Market: Donna Pickerill has details set for the Open Air Market to start on Saturday, June 2 from 8:00 until noon. She has sent 30 letters to vendors with a draft set of rules, including the requirement that they join BNA as a family member. (7 memberships have been received to date.) Board members were asked to sign up for Saturdays throughout the season to help with the BNA booth and set-up. BNA will pay \$75 for an accordionist for the opening. Dan Johnson has agreed to pay for music twice in the new fiscal year, but Donna is looking for other free music as well.

Special Events: Laura Hosbach is working on final numbers from the Festival of Flowers, but everyone agreed that the event went very well this year. She estimates income of more than \$2,000, and there were many new volunteers.

The Finish Line Festival is planned for July 21 from 5:00 p.m. until 11 p.m. An added feature this year will be the police competing in a race against the firemen. O'Shea's has agreed to sponsor BNA with food, beer, etc and will donate the profits to the neighborhood association.

Old Business: Bob reported that Thornton's had sent him an architectural drawing of the new store they are proposing. BNA is in favor of the required variances to move forward with the project as planned.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Brackett, Secretary