

## **LP 50 Community Meeting Minutes - January 30, 2008**

### **Cherbonneau North Co-Op Conference Room**

Meeting began 6:45pm with Richard Stacy facilitating and Larry Gant recording notes. Conveyance offered by Larry Gant, followed by introductions of attendees and guest (Amy Beltemacchi). Appreciation extended to the LP50 members from Cherbonneau North who arranged the use of the conference room and provided refreshments for the meeting.

**Agenda Approval:** Agenda approved without edits.

#### **Old Business**

**Fiduciary Report:** Fiduciary report tabled until April 2008 (pending Ed Baldwin's return). Request made to email Ed to insure contributions (cash, in-kind) to LP50 through December 2007 were documented and recorded. This will be confirmed pending response from Ed Baldwin. Question was raised as to whether or not the MLK Jr. High School band was provided a cash contribution in 2006 of \$300. Response was that cash contribution of either \$250 or \$300 was made to the band, but that email to Ed Baldwin would confirm this.

**Membership and New Board Update:** History of membership recruitment efforts was reviewed. About 47 invitational letters – 20 to LP co-ops and condos and 27 to apartment buildings and community stakeholders – were sent in November 2006. To date, 6 formal responses have been received:

1. Constance Budurow – Joliet
2. Suzanne Anderson – Hyde Park
3. Ted Jackson – Town Square Co-Op
4. Art Kinnarr – Lafayette
5. Jennifer Mendez – 1300
6. Ed Baldwin – Chateaufort

(Bill Dickens provide verbal assent to represent LaSalle)

There were several suggestions made to accelerate the process securing representation from all coops and apartment buildings. In the meantime, LP50 would continue to act as a committee of the whole until at least 50% of the board could be seated. A small group of meeting participants (Olga, Richard, Constance) agreed to share updated contact information, commit to personal contacts of some individuals and community stakeholders, and provide an update on activities at the February Community Meeting.

**Greenway Garden Update:** Constance Budurow announced a series of two meetings – February 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30-5:30pm held (most likely) at the Vigliotti Building on Jefferson Avenue. Purpose of the meeting was to brainstorm and document visions of

the Dequindre cut in preparation for a large grant to be submitted to the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan by the Greening of Detroit with input from LP50, REAL and other stakeholders.

Tours Update: Neil unavailable so update was tabled until February 2008.

Security Update: Bill reported reworking specifications for security around the grounds of LP50. Discussion on the need to discuss communitywide lighting standards.

There was discussion about design and landscape ideas for the median on Lafayette Blvd. Several ideas were presented, included the formation of a task force or working group on design issues, the importance of developing designs and securing a contractor, and the importance of inclusive community resident input. It was decided that the discussion of the Lafayette median would be an agenda item for the February 2008 Community Meeting.

### **-New Business**

Constance Budurow reported that Joliet Co-Op's Board is applying for a grant to National Trust for HVAC and water building assessments. Preservation Wayne agreed to be the fiduciary for the grant, but requested approval from LP50 to proceed as fiduciary. The LP50 group provided verbal assessment (unanimous) to the request; Constance will take this response back to Preservation Wayne.

Introduced by Bill Dickens, Amy Beltemacchi (masters' student – landscape architecture at University of Michigan) presented information on the history of Lafayette Park and landscape architect Alfred Caldwell. She is interested in participating in a community charette process that would generate responses as to whether the current Lafayette Park should be renewed and restored, upgraded, or simply let alone. Community discussion led to a request that Amy consider developing a two part community charette process with the first meeting in March/April of 2008, and a second held in May 2008. The meetings could be held in community charette rooms provided by the University of Michigan's Detroit Center (3663 Woodward Avenue).

Amy agreed to provide an outline and plan for action for LP50 discussion.

Meeting ended approximately 7:20pm.

[Notes taken by Larry Gant, who is responsible for all errors – and making all corrections!]