

LP 50 Community Meeting Minutes - February 27, 2008

Cherboneau North Co-Op Conference Room

Meeting began 6:45pm with Richard Stacy facilitating and Larry Gant recording notes (Gant arrived late – at 7pm). Conveyance offered by Richard Stacy. Appreciation extended to the LP50 members from Cherboneau North (Ms. Stella Harden) who arranged the use of the conference room for the meeting.

Agenda Approval: Agenda approved without edits.

Old Business

Fiduciary Report: Email response from Ed insured contributions (cash, in-kind) to LP50 through December 2007 were documented and recorded. Ed Baldwin replied that no funds had been provided to the MLK Jr. High School band for their presentation and work in Summer 2006. Given the current balance of \$700, Ed Baldwin suggested LP50 provide \$100 to the King band program. After discussion, the body voted to support this request.

Membership and New Board Update [note – this section reconstructed from discussions Gant had with attendees of the meeting before he arrived!]:

As of February 16, 2008, official nominations from 8 properties, with 2 pending. Outreach has been made to the remaining condos/co-ops and a few rentals. Of the 13 Condo/Co-op properties [Carlton, Central Park Plaza, Cherboneau North Condo, Jean Rivard, Joliet Coop, Lafayette Towers East and West, Leland Lofts, Navarre Place, Orleans East, Parc Lafayette, The Pavilion, The Windsor Towers, Lafayette Coop, LaSalle, Coop, Chateaufort, 1300 Lafayette East, Nicolet, Nicolet Coop, Cherboneau Place Coop, Hyde Park, and Town Square Coops], we have over 50% appointment. Per previous discussion and consensus, we will very shortly move to formal board governance of LP50 by the March 2008 meeting.

The group acknowledged the following board members in attendance:

- Bill Dickens – LaSalle Co-op
- Jenny Mendez – 1300 Lafayette East
- Robert Sinclair – Nicolet Co-op
- Stella Harden – Cherboneau Place Co-op
- Suzanne Anderson – Hyde Park
- Ed Baldwin – Chateaufort (via email day of meeting)

The group also acknowledged the other board members who were selected but were unable to attend the meeting tonight:

- Art Kannarr – Lafayette

- Ted Jackson – Town Square Co-Op

Requests were made to: remind people about the buildings currently without representation, identify people to continue following up with buildings.

The different co-ops/condo reps developed a calendar of future board meetings and locations through May 2008 :

Dates and locations for next meetings (all meetings Wednesday and begin 6:30pm and end 7:30pm):

March 26, 2008 – Friends School

April 30, 2008 – 1300 Lafayette Tower

May 28, 2008 – Hyde Park Commons

There was brief discussion about the agenda for the first board meeting and other logistics and structural actions, e.g. selecting a temporary chair for meetings, distribution of meeting notices and agendas, and general discussion on the issues of efforts to get other buildings represented, discussion of bylaws/operating procedure, and identification of major projects and committees. Decision was made to continue acting as a body of the whole for a short time, given the expectation that representation would reach 50% of LP affiliated/identified properties by March 2008.

Greenway Garden Update: In absentia, Constance Budurow requested use of LP50 email list for distribution of Greenway Garden information. This information will go out as blind email to prevent unwanted subsequent emails and unintentional spam. LP50 group members may submit alternate emails for addition and preferred used on the email list. Decision was made to assess satisfaction with email list information receipt periodically. The proposal passed unanimously.

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

Security Update: Bill Dickens and Stephen Weber provided update on attack and assault of security guard of Lafayette Park co-op on Joliet Street (August 24, 2007). Youth were from MLK community. Stephen attended juvenile hearing on Tuesday February 19th 2008. The referee of the juvenile court charged the juvenile guilty under advisement. Sentencing date is March 31st 1:30pm.

Stephen also provided a security report memo updating the status on Shapero Hall – Hotel conversion proposal, update on August 2007 copper thefts in LP 50 community, and juvenile court case update. This memo is appended to this set of minutes. Additionally, LP 50 members requested the memo be distributed via email attachment to the LP 50 email group. The report will also be placed as a separate item on the LP 50 website.

Bill Dickens provided a brief overview of the presentation by Ms. Amy Beltemacchi during the January LP50 meeting. We expect Ms. Beltemacchi to develop and present a two part community charette process with the first meeting in March/April of 2008,

and a second held in May 2008. The meetings will be held in community charette rooms provided by the University of Michigan's Detroit Center (3663 Woodward Avenue).

New Business

Lafayette Median Discussion: This was inadvertently forgotten! It will need to be addressed as part of the March 2008 meeting agenda!

LP50 website link to Friends' School Website (reciprocal links): Request was made in person by Mr. Dwight Wilson (Principal, Friends School in Detroit) and by email by Ms. Doreen Webb (Admissions Director, Friends School in Detroit) to establish reciprocal links on the Friends School and LP50 Websites. The body voted unanimously to approve this immediately.

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Meeting ended at 7:30pm.

[Notes taken by Larry Gant, who arrived late – around 7pm is responsible for all errors – and making all corrections!]

Appendix: Security Update notes from Stephen Weber (Feb 27, 2008):

Email from Robert Davenport – BSE Hearing Officer:

I have received a written P&DD recommendation that the requested Hotel be approved subject to specific conditions and possible Board of Zoning Appeals variances.

When I have fully reviewed P&DD's recommendation I will prepare a Decision Letter for Director Meah's consideration and signature. Mr. Meah's Decision Letter should be out in the next couple of weeks, perhaps sooner.

Please recall that, if you disagree with B&SE's decision whatever it may be, you are entitled to appeal said decision.

Senate Hearing Held About Copper Thefts from AUG LP 50 discussion:

DETROIT -- Copper thefts were the topic at a senate hearing on Friday in Detroit. Gov. Jennifer Granholm's Homeland Security advisor Brig. Gen. Michael McDaniel, and Sen. Alan Sanborn testified on Friday about what copper thieves are doing to the nation. They testified about how copper theft affected communities not only on a financial level, but also on a security level. "It's important that we raise awareness across the state about the rampant theft of valuable metals like copper," said Sanborn. "While this growing crime has a devastating economic impact on home builders, construction companies, farmers, and utility companies, copper theft continues to put all Michigan residents at risk." When phone lines are cut down by thieves, residents are unable to use a land line to call 911. Sen. Buzz Thomas has proposed a bill in Lansing to create tougher laws against copper theft. The U.S Department of Energy estimated that businesses across the country have lost about \$1 billion from copper thefts. It has disrupted electricity, slowed construction projects, and damaged irrigation networks. The committee will form work groups in the coming weeks to discuss several pieces of legislation designed to help. One of those laws would be requiring individuals selling scrap metal to show photo identification. Scrap dealers would also be required to make and maintain a copy of the ID. Dealers are then required to provide a copy of their records to law enforcement officials on a weekly basis.

Juvenile Court Case Update:

The Juvenile's lawyer was @ 1 hour late. Jarrod Pace's mother was present.

The Arresting Officer - Spec. Ope. Officer Owens was there and testified.

Helen testified. Officer identified the Juvenile as the one that he arrested. Referee Doetsch noted in their court records as the one identified as the one arrested.

It was noted that he at the very least aided and abetted the other culprits.

He called it as Guilty under advisement before the deposition sentencing of the case.

Rita White was replaced as the Prosecuting Attorneys counsel by Raeigin Woods.

The Deposition sentencing will be on Mar 31st, at 1:30pm on the Monday after Divine Mercy.