LP 50 Community Meeting Minutesⁱ - March 26, 2008 Friends School Conference Room

Meeting began 6:40pm with Richard Stacy facilitating and recording notes

Attendees:

Board members: Dick Stacy, Bill Dickens, Ed Baldwin, Bob Sinclair, Carol Goll, Gloria Myers, Jackie Bell, Suzan Anderson

Community stakeholders/residents: Cathie Baldwin, Michele Unverzagt, Robert Hafel, Karol Pelton, Alma Smith, Dwight Wilson, Stephen Weber, Terry Coleman-Hannon, Constance Bodurow, Earl Bell

Guests: Lindsay Turpin, Ashley Atkinson

Agenda Approval: Minutes from Friday 2008 meeting approved. Current agenda approved with modification to allow for presentation by Greening of Detroit (Ashley Atkinson and Lindsey Turpin).

Greening of Detroit: Ashley Atkinson and Lindsay Turpin presented updates on the Dequindre cut meeting of February 16, 2008. Greening agreed to continue support of the Greenway Garden if garden was above ground (raised beds) or inside the cut. Greening also requested LP50 support to fight against plans to erect a building on (current) greenspace just south of Jefferson/Larned. Greening suggested presenting concerns at the upcoming Detroit RiverFront Conservancy forum (March 27 2008) as a start.

C. Bodurow requested and was given time to provide (1) update on the Greenway Garden, and (2) request \$20 for LP50 (annual) membership fee to Greening of Detroit. **Board approved unanimously.**

Old Business

Fiduciary Report: Ed Baldwin reported LP50 has \$469 in restricted and \$721 unrestricted funds. Three action items were approved:

- 1. \$20 for Greening of Detroit LP50 membership
- 2. \$100 for MLK Martin Luther King, Jr. High School Band.
- 3. \$50 to Friends School for an ad in the Wade McCree Scholarship Drive brochure.

Membership and Board Formation: Moved and seconded that the board secure bylaws with help and assistance from Heidi Mucherie and Leor Barak (Pro Bono Program Manager, Community Legal Resources (CLR)). A meeting will be secured during early April 2008.

The April 2008 meeting will be focused on (a) General Information and (b) Board issues. Topics to be discussed under (b) include structure, officers and committees. 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.

Security Update: Bill Dickens and Stephen Weber provided continued updates on the Shapero Hall – Hotel conversion proposal, update on August 2007 copper thefts in LP 50 community, and juvenile court case update.

New Business

LP Charette presentation: Bill Dickens provided update on the Charette presentation at Detroit Center March 29, 2008.

DRFC (Detroit River Front Conservancy) Forum March 27 2008 Session to provide summary of progress on East Riverfront and Dequindre Cut opening. To be held at UAW-GM Center for Human Resources, with RSVP required.

Crain's Fall Open House seeks more LP50 homes to show for 2008. Ed Baldwin will provide details and follow-up at a future meeting.

St. Joseph's Event Sunday, March 30, 2008.

Motion to adjourn was made; Meeting ended at 8:30pm.

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

March 26, 2008 – Friends School April 30, 2008 – 1300 Lafayette Tower May 28, 2008 – Hyde Park Commons

ⁱ [Notes taken by Richard Stacy and transcribed and by Larry Gant, who had a date with a hospital and wasn't present at the meeting. Any errors due to transcription are due to LMG!]