

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

MINUTES

Board Members Present: President Bob Starck, Julie Brackett, Corey Koellner, Dottie Krause, Elizabeth Meisburg, Jeff Miller, Rick Pickerill, Laura Speedie, Linda Taylor

Board Members Absent: Gary Guss, Debbie Thompson, Jim Woodward

Guests Present: Jerry Jansing, Bruce Jacobs, Councilman Dan Johnson, George Levine, George Manley, Ray Manley, Don Miller, Lt. Greg Mitchell, Donna Pickerill, Doug Taylor, Francis Thomas, Martha Thomas, Vi Thompson, John Witt, Mary Zirnheld

BNA's annual membership meeting was held at the Ashland Firehouse. The firemen graciously provided chili and hot dogs for neighbors attending. President Bob Starck called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. A quorum was present. Minutes of the October meeting were distributed and approved as written. The treasurer's report will be presented at the next meeting.

Report from Councilman Dan Johnson

Councilman Johnson presented certificates of merit to all current members of the board recognizing service to the Beechmont Neighborhood Association. All those present thanked Councilman Johnson for the funds he provided to clean up the storm debris in the neighborhood.

Report from LMPD

Lt. Greg Mitchell distributed crime statistics for the neighborhood. He noted a cluster of daytime burglaries in the vicinity of Peachtree/Walter/Brookline. Laura Speedie reported a burglary on Bellevue the previous weekend where neighbors chased the suspect. Since then there has been a cluster of burglaries on Bellevue and Cliff. Members were advised to ask neighbors who are home during the daytime to be extra vigilant.

Election of Board Members

Ballots were distributed and the following slate of members was elected to serve on the BNA board for 2009: Gary Guss, Corey Koellner, Dottie Krause, Elizabeth Meisburg, Jeff Miller, Rick Pickerill, Laura Speedie, Bob Starck, Linda Taylor, Debbie Thompson, Vi Thompson, Jim Woodward. There is one additional slot available.

President's Report

Bob reported he will be obtaining paint from the state this month in order to cover graffiti on the Watterson Expressway before winter.

Bob was recently honored with a nomination for the Fred Wiche Award at the Mayor's Neighborhood Summit for the plantings at Third and Florence. The Americana Community Center won the award for their community garden. Edgardo Mansilla and a group of youth from the center accepted the award.

Beautification

Jeff Miller suggested completely re-landscaping the area around the gazebo to replace the soil and all the plantings. Rick Pickerill made a motion that Jeff get estimates for having the gazebo area re-landscaped; the motion passed. Linda Taylor also suggested that we follow up with Metro Parks regarding new ornamental trees in front of the gazebo.

Public Affairs

Linda reported that she is still trying to coordinate a "Meth 101" presentation for the neighborhood and will work with Dan Johnson and Marianne Butler to

Special Events

Christmas on the Corner is scheduled for Friday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. Lara Hurt will coordinate the event. The library will be holding a book sale on that date and will donate hot chocolate.

Winterfest will be held on December 6 from noon until 6:00 p.m. at Iroquois Park. The Beechmont Women's Club Bazaar and Luncheon will also be held on December 6.

The board approved up to \$100 for Liz to purchase new bows and lights for decorating the gazebo for Christmas.

Old Business

Jeff reported that he and his wife and Corey Koellner attended the Neighborhood Summit and brought away some ideas that BNA may be able to utilize at a later date.

Donna Pickerill reported that she received \$223 from the KY Department of Agriculture grant money to cover the cook-off event at the Farmer's Market.

Linda reported that the cost of replacing benches is in excess of \$1600 each. We will allocate the money to Metro Parks from the Community Foundation grant to pay for replacing two benches in the gazebo area. The benches will be coordinated with the new landscaping plan for the gazebo. Linda and Corey also mentioned that Metro Parks has put in a work order to repair the water fountain.

There will be an announcement regarding the future of Colonial Gardens on November 20.

New Business

The board approved up to \$400 for a BBQ lunch for the firefighters similar to last year; Bob will coordinate with the firemen to determine a date. In addition, he will contact the police department to determine the best way to express appreciation to the officers serving the neighborhood. If the police officers are still doing monthly drawings, BNA will donate \$100 to cover two months' drawings.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting of the BNA board will be held on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. the Brackett House, 4909 Southern Parkway.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Brackett—Secretary