

LP50 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 25, 2008

The meeting took place at Hyde Park Cooperative and came to order at 6:40 PM.

Members Present:

Carol Goll	Neil McEachern	Vicky Keating
Edward Baldwin	Catherine Baldwin	Richard Stacey
Art Kanarr	Robert Hafel	Lila Crocker
Jon Anderson	Christopher Thomas	Karol Pelton
Paula Anderson	Lewis Dickens	Suzan Anderson
Terrence German	Stephen Weber	Betty Steehler
Bart Kumor		

Minutes from the May 28, 2008 membership meeting were approved.

Financial Report was presented by Ed Baldwin.

- Carol Weisfeld wrote a letter to Ed Baldwin stating that the LP50 merchandize had to be removed from the Video store in the Plaza.
- Carol is requesting that someone take charge of the inventory.
- Carol suggested to Ed in the letter to sell the merchandize at the LP50 Yard Sale at a reduced price.
- A check for merchandise sales was received in the amount of \$292.50.
- The Art Deco Society tour generated another \$100.00 this past month.
- The total funds in our account with Preservation Wayne are \$1,463.20. We have restricted funds of \$469.50 leaving us with an available balance of \$993.70.

The bi-laws have been officially adopted. A copy will be posted on the official LP50 website. The new board will elect officers in the near future.

Board members are nominated by the various LP complexes, businesses, schools, and churches. The general membership also has the right to nominate a director.

The LP50 website lists general information for the LP50 membership. The by-laws for LP50 will be posted as well as the agenda for the meetings, and minutes of the meetings. If anyone is interested in placing information on the website please send that information to Richard Stacey at rhstacey@umich.edu

Greenway information:

Lila stated she saw lights on the walkway and down the ramp to the Dequindre cut. Emergency stations are set along the path. Lights are situated at regular intervals. Eagle Security was hired protect the Dequindre cut. Security cameras will be placed every 500 feet for safety.

Richard Stacey reported that the Greening of Detroit Park is owned by the city and the city is not interested in selling the park at this time. Greening of Detroit will attend to the park. Students were hired to maintain the park on a daily basis. Volunteers will be used to attend to the cleaning of the park etc. on a monthly basis. Ashley from Greening of Detroit will continue to inform LP50 of the parks status and the volunteer status.

Tours:

Neil McEachern reported information concerning the Lafayette Park Tours.

- The Art Deco Society, with a total of 13 people, was given a tour by Neil McEachern.
- The tour earned a total of \$100.00 and Neil gave Ed Baldwin the check for the LP50 general fund.
- Detroit Historical Society did not ask for tours nor did Preservation Wayne. They want to tour other areas of the city.
- All of the organizations that provided people for the tours were happy with the tours.
- Neil does not view the tours as a major source of income for LP50.
- If Jazz in Lafayette Park takes place this year Neil will be glad to lead a tour through the neighborhood.
- If anyone belongs to a group or club contact Neil and he will arrange to lead a tour of LP. People will be expected to pay for the tour because it is a fund raising activity.
- Jenny Mendez suggested to contact Nelson from the River Conservancy and Neil may be able to coordinated a tour when the Dequendre Cut is opened.
- If you are interested in tours please contact:
Neil McEachern 313-393-2238; neilmc@comcasgt.net

Detroit Police Officers have been seen walking through the Lafayette Park neighborhood from time to time. New Officers walk around for approximately 1 week to become familiar with the neighborhood. Otherwise, the police are in a patrol car.

Deputy Chief Logan's Number is: 313-596-1110
Sgt. Thomas' Number is: 313-596-1107

Eagle Security has a policy to meet with the Detroit Police, Border Patrol, and the Sheriff Department once a month for better communications about conditions in the area.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Lafayette Park Yard Sale/Arts and Craft Sale will take place on July 26, 2008 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. It will take place on co-op, apartment, and condo property located around the park.

- Sherman Sharpe is still pursuing starting a restaurant at the site of the old Paris Café. He will be contacting various organizations within LP for potential investors.
- Bill Dickens Discussed the artist Edgar Jaeger who is known as the Picasso of Detroit.
- The supermarket in the LP plaza is still in the making. Electricians were wiring the building. Some equipment has been placed in the building.

SHAPIRO HALL:

- Rorai, Patrick from Leland Lofts agreed to work with Betty Steehler from Nicolet.
- An E-mail concerning the matter was sent to you. Please read it. There is a copy of the appeal prepared by Betty and signed by Patrick.
- The Hearing concerning Shapiro Hall will be held on July 15, 2008 at 9:00 AM on the 13th floor of the City County Building.
- The president of Lafayette Co-operative notified Joan Robie who is the principal of Woodward Academy in regard to Shapiro Hall.
- The Riverfront East Alliance (R.E.A.L.) wants to be informed in regard to Shapiro Hall. REAL works to protect our neighborhood.

The Next LP50 Membership meeting will take place at Lafayette West Community Room on July 30th. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM.

There will be no August meeting. The next meeting after July will take place in September.

Dwight Gooden said Friends School is always an option for a meeting place.

Sala Thai Lafayette (567-8424) is always a good place to hold a meeting. It also supports the restaurant. The proprietors have always been more than gracious to the LP50 group.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.