

Mitchell Park West Neighborhood Association Board meeting
Held at Childsplay in Boardroom. March 18, 2009,

Attendees: Marcia Kyle (chair), Scott Seibel, Ira Domskey, Penny Wilson, Kirby Spitler, Pat Moffat, David Saar, Joe Gibbs. Neighbors, Mac McGinn and Bruce Liddil.

Feb minutes: Discussed. Corrections made and minutes approved. Corrected copy will be posted on web site.

Community garden update. Scott Seibel spoke on behalf of Mark Lymer. Of surveys returned, 40 people were interested in participating. The results of emails from gardeners in other areas have not yet been received. Ira made a motion, Marcia seconded, to charge Garden Committee to form a plan with more details. Location, design, etc. to be submitted on web site 5 days before General Meeting. The plan is to be presented at the General Meeting. The Board voted unanimously for subcommittee to prepare application to be submitted for grant.

Liaison subcommittee with City. Penny, Mac, Kirby met with Mark Richwine, Sam Thompson, and Bob Pohlit to discuss improving City/MPWNA communication. The city pledged to make sure park decisions will not be made without neighborhood input. He (Mark R.) asked that we, the subcommittee, communicate with the City on how the Board and MPWNA wish to move forward with future park plans.

Rules for next election and bylaw review. It was agreed that Board elections, in April, would be held by ballot as set up by present bylaws. Bylaws have been under review. Ira read the bylaws with the adjustments. There was a proposal made for changing bylaws on Board membership to include term limits. The changes and term limit proposal will be written up by Ira and posted on the web page 1 week before annual General meeting. City postcards plus flyers will distribute notification of the next annual General meeting on April 25, on doors.

Bruce/lights in park. Bruce gave the history of how the lights were changed on the basketball court. Following installation of the lights, he met with Mark Richwine and Sam Thompson due to the excessive light pollution. He was told that "all options were open" from complete removal to leaving them as they are. The City planted a tree along fence area by Bruce's house. Ira proposed the liaison committee write up a letter to the City putting onus on the City to mitigate the problem created by the instillation of the lights. The liaison committee agreed to do this in a timely fashion.

Park benches. Possible changes to the already chosen spots of the benches were discussed briefly. Ira proposed, Pat seconded, a vote to accept the current plan. It was passed 6-2. Dissenting Kirby Spitler and Scott Seibel.

Art grants. April was not present, Marcia filled in with information on developing an Art's grant proposal for 2010. We have a new person, Melissa, from the neighborhood that has volunteered to help. Flyer to request artists' proposal will be presented at the annual general meeting.

Meeting was adjourned. Next general meeting to be held at Mitchell Park Ramada, Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 10am. Coffee and sweets will be served. New Board elections will be held.