

## LP-50 May Minutes at Hobo's Restaurant on May 21st, 2009:

Introductions of all present: Directors: Stephen, Bill, Cathie, Ed, Bob, Suzan, and Carol.; Members: Betty S. , Betty B., Danielle, Lori Cunningham - City of Detroit Neighbor City Hall - Mayor's Office.

Agenda Approval : No April Minutes - Ready for June meeting, Next meeting location, May meeting designated as the Joint Director/Membership meeting,

### **Fiduciary Report: Ed**

\$100.00 check ready for Friends School disbursal on reserve.

Available Funds : \$1376.54    Reserve Funds : \$ 1846.04.

Report Approved.

### **Caldwell Design of the Park - Bill.**

Amy hasn't gotten back with Bill yet. She has a Landscaping firm that hired her. Bill will get in contact with her soon. Ed wants us to move on the 501 c-3 plan soon. Meeting needed to see what was in the Caldwell plan and see if the viability of then and now i.e., the Ash trees, etc. Move on the Charrette program discussions as well at UM -Detroit. The Weeds behind the Shopping Center look terrible. Ownership should be check and possibly have it cut and trimmed. Community garden is an option for it.

A Motion was made by Bill to have LP-50 pursue ownership of the garden area with a support from Cathie. Approved.

Suggestion was made that LP-50 send a thank you card to Greening of Detroit for their planting news trees on the Lafayette median. Steve will gladly send it to them , since his freind Fr. Todd Mistor works well with Greening of Detroit.

**Tours Report : Ed for Neil.**

No reimbursement for Staples needed, and OCC will send a check of \$150.00 for their tour of LP and Neil will give it to Ed.

**Yard Sale** - Jackie and Cathie are the Co-Chairs. Suzan will join with them. Set for Aug.15th. \$ 300.00 in escrow for the event.

**Shapero Hall Update** - Betty S.

John Nader hasn't contacted her recently. Owner may not be appealing further. Rumor is that he is selling the property. Minutes of the Hearing are available from Betty S. Property has been kept up better since Barbara Rose Collins statement to the owner. Ms. Jenkins and James Tate are good people running for City Council. St. Joseph had great experience with James Tate while Mayor Kilpatrick's Police Spokesperson. Election forum of a Non Partisan nature can be held by LP-50. REAL had one tonight.

Lori Cunningham from Mayor Bing's Neighborhood City Hall dept. gave us information with Police Contacts and her office contacts. Paper trail for her problem solving is the Constituent case worksheet for City directors. Question raised about SE CDC and neighborhood city halls. Mayor's office makes a better flow with depts. Lori will contact Bill regarding help with 501 c-3. Betty asked for removal of the former light concrete base in the park, Carol asked about the Bulk pick-up - City website has the database by zip code. [www.detroitmi.gov](http://www.detroitmi.gov) . Possible stimulus idea - plastic covers removed from light pole bases with better item. Sign pollution and confusing traffic flow at Antietam and St. Aubin. Ed Baldwin will be the contact person between Lori and LP-50. Lori informed us that Lori Rankin - our former Kilpatrick Administration rep. to LP-50 is working in DC for Yellow Pages. Meghan Pitts is another Kilpatrick appointee who works in Mayor Bing's office currently.

**Police/Security Report** - Stephen

Police Comm. is finalizing the Tow truck guidelines and also the Civil Rights Decree is half way in compliance, police shortage under 312 arbitration was being looked at. Carol spoke of auto theft attempts by two black males in a Jeep @ 2:00am - they usually pull in front of the vehicle targeted. Carol and her friends scared them away. Stephen mentioned that many of Mayor Kilpatrick's Police contacts that St. Joseph used have taken Act 312 Arbitration retirements. He needs to keep LP-50 informed of the Chain of Command for successful neighborhood grievances of Police Customer Service. The information for the Deputy Chief that Stephen gave to

Danielle was found misspelled by Stephen. He gave the spelling as DC Herbert Moore - it is Moreland. Apologies to Danielle for misspelling his name for her publication.

**Bylaw changes** needed to Section 4.3 of our Bylaws: The Last sentence will read: "One (1) director may be nominated by individual members and additional directors to fill individual vacancies, members elected, as directors may not exceed six (6) members.

Motion by Stephen and Seconded by Bill.

Discussion :

Who nominated to directorship? General membership director would vote. No general membership director is filled yet. Vacancies for individual membership up to 6. If all LP-50 organizations participate then we wouldn't need to fill any. Filling of vacancies should be just stated.

Changes approved pending proper legal wording is acceptable and verified.

***Next meeting: June 18th 6:30pm at Sala Thai . Stephen scheduled it following the Hobo meeting.***

Adjournment at 7:54pm.

Minutes submitted by: Stephen Weber.

Minutes lightly edited and posted by: Larry Gant