

**BELKNAP NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEETING
March 13, 2013**

Present:

Tim Mayer
Jim Augustus
Jonathan Raymon
Amber Wait
J.D. Franklin
Alan Rubin
Lee Dunham
Amy Yuda
Jay Ferguson

Carlos Rul-lan
Ann Hager
Ted Zaragoza
James Peavey
Jay Ferguson
Debra Hemsley
Eric McElroy
Tom Owen

7:00 Call to Order – Welcome by Tim Mayer

- Minutes approved from February meeting

ACTION: Motion to approve February meeting minutes by Amber, seconded by J.D. and passed by unanimous vote.

TREASURER REPORT – Jonathan Raymon presented the Treasurer's Report

- Bank account reconciled for period ending 3/12/2013
 - Ending Balance \$39,219.84
 - Still waiting on DeLoreans payment to clear in the amount of \$550
 - One check cleared in the amount of \$30 to reimburse Jonathan for constant contact renewal

ACTION: Motion to accept Treasurer Report by Ted, seconded by Alan and passed by unanimous vote.

POLICE REPORT – Officer Kevin Mumphrey

- Office Mumphrey was unable to attend the meeting but did forward the crimes report to Tim who in turn forwarded to the board.
- For suspicious activity in your neighborhood call 574-2111 (or 574-7111) for police dispatch.

METRO COUNCIL REPORT – Tom Owen

- On 19 Feb, held a meeting with property owners interested in developing the property at the corner of Dundee and Yale (initial discussions indicated the developer would be pursuing building an apartment complex).
 - Encouraged research take place as to the history of the current structures
 - Will facilitate this research as best he can and share his research
 - Nothing definitive found to indicate that the structure was one of Louisville's first African-American school
 - As a general notion believes a modest increase in residential density in the Highlands with a range of residential types is good for a walkable traditional neighborhood
- Light post is replaced at intersection of Harvard and Boulevard Napoleon
- Next talk with Tom is Sat, 30 Mar, from 9-11am at Java Coffee Brewing
- Noted Havana Rumba an Kayak and Canoe Store moving to the loop
- James Peavey raised concerns about speeding on Paige and stated that a stop sign was needed

PRESIDENT's REPORT – Tim Mayer

- Asked board members if anyone is interested in serving as an officer – specifically President as Tim will not serve on the board next year. Contact Tim as early as possible if interested.
- Would like to convene a special committee in April/May to develop next year's board slate
- Highlighted the neighborhood interest in the wrecking permit of the property at Dundee and Yale and also the restrictions on the use of condominium green space at the site of the Old Belknap School
- Notified all that the Re-tree Dundee Project was looking for volunteers to plant 20 trees from 08:30-12:00 on March 16
- Suggested the board consider updating the neighborhood plan as it is now over 10 years old and there are several issues emerging that relate to the plan – i.e. shared use of green space, development activities, border space between Kroger and the neighborhood.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Tree Canopy Program
 - Carlos has been visiting homes and advertising the program
 - Carlos reported that 3-4 houses on Yale signed up for a tree
 - Planting would be complete before the end of March
 - Would like to get some photos for the newsletter
- Mural on Heine Brothers
 - Jim contacted Bellarmine's Art School and they agreed to help with the mural
 - Jim will be working with them to obtain 2-3 designs to show the board
 - The board will recommend the final design and then contact the owner of the building
 - BNA will supply the students with the materials and supplies required
- Business Mixer
 - Some discussion on moving forward with a business mixer
 - Ann said she would contact the Metro Business Center building to see if we could rent the space

NEW BUSINESS

- Amy spoke about the "Private Property Residents Only" sign at the Belknap condominiums at the corner of Sils and Wibben
- Amy spoke with the property manager of the condominiums
 - No specific incident triggered the signs; the condo owners requested just requested it
 - Amy seeking a meeting with Condo Association, Developers and Lawyers
 - Alan suggested the Kentucky Recreational Use Statute might protect them from liability concerns
 - Amy spoke with Stephen Lutz in metro's planning and development and he referenced zoning case DP-14263.
 - The planning commission held a public hearing (June 2, 2005) on the re-zoning from offices to condos and voted to approved the condo development
 - The planning commission added binding element 12 as a response to neighbors' concerns about the use of the open space – during the course of the zoning review

various neighbors wanted to require the property owner reserve “green space areas” for public use; the owner objected citing private property

- Binding element 12 requires the developers to submit a “green space use plan” detailing the neighborhood use of the property
- No records can be found where such a plan was submitted to comply with binding element 12
- Amy reviewed video of the public hearing at the time – in the video the developer states that the green space will be shared with the neighbors
- Binding element 4 of the same document restricts the use of signs on the property
- Amy will conduct meetings and will seek the guidance of Councilman Owen to ensure proper and fair hearings take place

ACTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ann, seconded by Carlos and passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mayer
President
Belknap Neighborhood Association