

BNA Board Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2023 - 7:15 pm
Via Zoom

Present: Cassy Petsos, Holly Petsos, Sara Castro, Bob Genthner, Jim Nicholson, John McQueen, Frank Fields, Ann Kanthor, Jane Way, Kathy Grady, David Kaiser, Dede Ranger, Sharon Bloemendaal

Excused: Cara Paul, Kathy Boyle

Approved minutes of May 30, 2023

Treasurer Report - John McQueen - fiscal condition for year 6/1/2023 - 10/07-2023

Revenue - \$2562.08

Expenses - \$2076.86

(major expenses: \$772 special events, \$462.40 school #46 book project, \$574 Crier costs)

Year to date profit - \$485.22

Cash Assets - \$20,612.16

BNA members paid this fiscal year - 185 (28% of total BNA households)

Committee Reports:

Hospitality Events - Ice Cream Social about 120 attended, \$772 BNA carried entire ice cream expense.

Movie in the Park - about 12 attended, Mark's Pizza donated many pizzas

Fall Picnic - Ann K. - deemed successful! About 50 attended, Alan Hopkins provided live music. For next year consider a weekend date earlier in September.

Beautification - U of R students participated with supervision.

Books for School #46 - Ann - 40 students received book packages as a welcome gift from BNA

Crime Report - Holly - attended Police meeting last week, discussed was problem with officer recruitment, traffic noise, houses & cars broken into, reinforced keeping cars and lower level windows/doors locked, Police Accountability Board heard 277 cases - findings were zero police misconduct.

Zoning - Holly - home owners concerned about new Quicklees Gas Station (Winton/Atlantic corner) variance asking for illuminated signage. David K. suggested BNA should send a letter taking a position of opposition to the variance. Dede R. made motion that Holly draft a letter along with copy of staff report to Zoning Board -> motion passed with Frank F. abstaining. Frank F. suggested we have a standard welcome letter to be sent to new businesses including Quicklees (will defer until after next variance meeting).

McAndrew/Greiner, Newcastle & Bloosom storage shed case regarding front yard set back rules. Frank F. sent a letter to Joyce Greiner responding to her communication as an individual NOT as BNA representative.

New Business:

Cancel Zoom account - it costs \$15.99/month (\$187/year) with sparse usage. Pros and cons discussed, motion to retain the Zoom account passed.

Fall November Meeting - Frank suggested Erica Hernandez, administrator for SE Service Center at Village Gate as guest speaker. Frank will contact Erica & a meeting location to coordinate date.

Winter Gathering - Ann will set up meeting with picnic committee to flesh out ideas. Maybe a cabin party or something more formal, possibly the new Brewery in Ellison Park.

BNA Announce Problems - Paul mentioned and suggested we consider using Mailchimp. Bob pointed out that also has own set of issues and not practical for a large group mailing. BNA Announce sends out about 500 emails monthly. No fix was decided upon.

The draft City Zoning Code & the Environmental Impact Statement - lively discussion as to an official BNA statement. Concerns of several neighborhoods are bed & breakfasts, including AirBnB, boarding houses, short term rentals. Our discussion revolved mostly around the definition/differences of these concerns. Many loop holes around definitions.

AirBnB is a business (similar to B&B but rented through a company)

AirBnB is not a B&B in the proposed code

Short term rentals do not have to be owner occupied

Issue, how will the code be enforced?

How will City handle Zoning applications?

Live work stations - having employees in the home

Next meeting 10/11/2023 with Mary Lupien, ABC streets & other neighborhood reps.

Send Holly email if interested in this discussion around this important Zoning Code issue.

Adjourn - 9:22 pm

Browncroft neighbors & NWV have expressed concern about the proposed rezoning of the church at corner Winton & Browncroft to include it in the commercial district.