

NLNA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2010
7PM

Present: Matt Ruben, John Braxton, Irene Lambrou, Don Phillips, Erika Goldberg, Barbara Saverino, Larry Freedman, Ira Upin, Bill Russell, Ken Mitchell, Fernando Benavides, Micah Gold-Markel

Absent: Janet Finegar, Anne Waginger, Barb Mulckhuysen

Approve January Minutes: Motion to Approve: DP; 2nd by JB: *Passed: 10-0-0*

President's Report:

-Casino--Gaming Board fine against Foxwoods, \$2000 daily beyond deadline (Dec 2, 2009).

-Planning --“Stakeholder” meetings (including CDAG, neighborhoods) to be scheduled for public input into Delaware Riverfront planning/zoning overlay.

-Zoning Code Commission-LF, MR participated in 2 shifts (IU was ejected). Zoning Matters group were excluded completely. Problems with neighborhood participation in the process, incorrect perception of NIMBY attitude, and rejection of and skepticism about the experiences of longstanding neighborhood groups involved in zoning over the years.

-GMs: January was well-attended. PennDOT may be attending Feb GM.

-Website now has Board meeting minutes posted.

-BRT moratorium on prop tax increases.

-At President's request, LF updated Board on CC—status of photo opp with Mayor Nutter to assist with new contract/timeline for CC project. Contact with Comcast rep who could assist with this; LF appeared on Headline News cable program to discuss why the CC project is important. MR has talked recently with Councilman DiCicco about status, possible action to take. Reminder by BS about the Chamber of Commerce neighborhood meetings with council members; maybe this is another forum.

Treasurer's Report: Quickbooks is purchased; to be installed; soon to have report that matches our budget.

-City claim for back business privilege taxes discharged (1998-2002); other taxes cleared through 2008.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by MGM; 2nd by IU. Passed 11-0-0

-Accounting question about Community Center construction: some delayed invoicing for work/repairs done in the last year. We should get invoices on monthly basis going forward.

Clean & Green: Report attached.

Fundraising: Report attached. Tickets for Winter Fest have been distributed. Working to close out the DCED grant; BS will be meeting with Lara Kelly on this and report to President.

-Discussion of Penn Treaty Special Services District (PTSSD) funds, publicity of fund availability; should we apply? Discussion.

Motion by JB; 2nd by DP: To apply for all available monies that we believe this community is entitled to receive. 9-2-0

Liberty Lands: Report attached. Board needs detailed report on referenced property on Bodine Street.

Membership: Report attached. Community Service awards discussed; tabling. Meet & Greets—board members expected? Maybe 4-5, committee heads particularly.

Zoning: New candidates—Sue Patterson, Chris Michetti, to be presented to Board.

Meeting 1: January 25, 2010

1) 1030 N. Hancock, suite 76—

We support a variance for the sale of pipes, hookahs and the full range of tobacco-smoking accessories at 1050 N. Hancock, Suite 76, with the following provisos:

-No knives or weapons of any kind;

-No signage advertising sale of these products in store windows.

Motion to support ZC by MGM; 2nd by IU Passed: 9-0-2

2) 1124 N. 3rd Street—

We support the application as presented. Please meet with the UDC to consider:

-Façade changes;

-materials for façade and roof deck;

-materials for rear yard and parking area partition.

Consider making first floor unit handicap-accessible. Provide signed and dated plans along with refusal to ZC Chair.

Motion to support ZC by IU; 2nd JB Passed: 11-0-0

3) 800 N. Delaware Ave—

To submit the following List of Suggestions for the CPC and Developer:

-In order to preserve the pedestrian-friendly nature of the Canal Street “piazza,” delivery times should be limited to two short morning and evening windows, to be controlled by removable bollard system; trash not be picked up before 7AM.

-Provide plan for Front Street landscaping and maintenance, including street trees, neighbor-friendly down lighting, preservation/repair of Belgian block street surface, artistic treatment of ground level Front Street building facade.

-Provide exterior bike racks for public and interior bike storage for tenants

-Identify liaison for construction staging/problems.

-Roof decks should be set back from the perimeters of building for safety/aesthetics

-Please reconsider present security plan as neighbors still express concerns.

Motion to support ZC by IL; 2nd by MGM : **With amendment: Please ensure that trash plan should include recycling as well, and that pickup will not be between 11PM and 7AM.** Passed: 11-0-0

Meeting 2: January 26, 2010

1) 312 Fairmount Ave—

We cannot support a bar/restaurant use at this location.

Motion to support ZC by IU; 2nd by MGM: Passed: 11-0-0

2) 600 Spring Garden—

We cannot support the liquor license at this location. Among other reasons we are opposed because: [LF will work on a complete list]

-there has been a history of problems at this location due to the proximity of another similarly sized club with a liquor license;

-maximum capacity is very high and noise and other problems emanating from the location are a nuisance

-proximity of cultural institutions, etc.

Motion to support ZC (with plans to refine and complete motion after LF and MR coordinate with relevant involved agencies) by BS; 2nd by JB: Passed 11-0-0

3) 611-19 N. 2nd Street—

We approve this one-story project as presented, with one residential unit, six parking spaces, garden space, studio spaces and/or permitted retail.

Motion to support ZC by IL; 2nd by DP: Passed 11-0-0

Old Business:

-MGM reported on EPA grant work, tracking industrial/brownfield sites and creating database; presentation to EPA was very well-received. Grant runs to June 2010.

-DP reported on mission committee, plans for survey of community.

New Business:

-Tony Leone passed away; viewing and funeral information will be provided. NLNA will send flowers.

-EG followed up on composting plans presented at GM; should we offer the corner of CC yard? Compost could then be used for garden on CC site maintained by NLArts, e.g.

Adjourned: 9:05PM

Addendum: Committee Reports:

Clean and Green Board Report

February 2010

Christmas Tree Chipping was big hit.

- Partnered with Greens Grow Farm and Recycle Bank this year. We made a profit, after paying the truck drivers, of \$225. plus \$250. from Recycle Bank who helped sponsor the effort.
- Planning to buy tree planting tools with funds.
- A rep from Recycle Bank was on hand to sign neighbors up for their Rewards Program starting in February

February 2010: Recycle Bank comes to our Disposal area

- See press release December report.
- This is an unavoidable City-wide initiative that will be finalized by year's end.
- We are looking into ways to make this an NLNA funding source.
- Let's talk about ways to maintain recycling levels at first Saturday Recycling while still increasing recycling through this City incentive program.

I-95 slope Tree Planting

- 40+ evergreens to be planted on slopes above 2nd Street, south of SG and on north slope of East side of 95.
- Probably March 20th
- Engage TWU guys to dig holes and help plant trees...Matt??

Door-to-door Compost pick up:

- Community Center Yard site? Permission from Board or CC committee needed?

Spring Worm Composting workshop: On hold at this time. Maybe in March.

City-wide April Clean up, date TBD:

Identifying a few neighborhood areas that could use cleaning:

- Rec Center and Rec Center Playground
- Sports Field at 8th and Poplar
- Expand CC garden
- Maybe Tree Planting on 2nd Street
- Tree pruning (may have to happen in March)

TreeVitalize Tree Planting:

- Weekend of April 24-25....40 to 50 trees anticipated to plant.

Other:

- Lara has engaged LRC Services to handle street sweeping. They are cheaper than the guys we had before and much more reliable. They are interested in getting the contract for Liberty Lands mowing and weed wacking too.

Greening Bodine:

- Lara has been meeting with Bodine, arborist/landscape designer, and mural arts to beautify and green Bodine highschool.

Fundraising and looking ahead:

- Clean and Green Web site pending: a web site to be a sustainability resource for NL community and include both useful info and announce C & G events.
- Movies that Matter: Environmental Education Films shown at CC or partnering restaurant.
- Want to do Hard-to-recycle/E-waste collection again but researching different company to work with.
- Make your own Rain Barrel workshop.
- Patagonia Grant for Rain Barrel and composting workshops.
- *Terracycle* wrapper collection.

Fund Raising Committee

January 18 Meeting

In attendance: Amanda, Nancy and Patrick

Neighborhood Winter Fest

Sunday, February 28

2-5 PM

North Bowl

Price - Same as last year \$20 adults, \$10 seniors and children \$11-\$18, ten and under free.

- Tickets at the door are \$25
- Tickets - will be printed, distributed to NLNA Board and Committee members. An online option like last year will be available (through NLNA site)

Raffle - similar to the community center - people will be able to chose which gift they would like to win, there will be several options. Price 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 5 for \$20

Kids Activities - checking with NL Arts. Janet will be the lead.

Tournament - new this year: 8 lane tournament, 1 game with teams of up to 4 individuals, \$20 a team. Prize given. Teams will sign up ahead of time. Barbara verifying estimated length

Agenda -

1-2 PM Arrive for set-up

2PM Doors open, table for registration, table for ticket sales, table for raffle gifts and sales

2:50 PM Matt welcome and make a few brief remarks

3:00 PM Tournament begins

4:00 PM Raffles drawn

5:00 PM Event ends

Updates:

1. Rich Bruder is designing poster and html – should have by 2/8 for printing
2. Invite elected officials/friends?
3. Verifying with Oron about DJ and donations – he was asking PBC and Yards
4. Follow up with Whole Foods – donation or raffle?
5. List for raffle
6. Volunteers from Board to help with sale of tickets and raffles

Other

Still working to close out the \$5,000 DCED grant for Clean and Green activities

NLNA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, January 11, 2010

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Community Center

ATTENDEES: Harvey Bell
Fernando Benavides
Charlotte E. Daub
Paula Gansky
Anne Waginger

• **INCREASING MEMBERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERISM:**

- Meet & Greets
 - Date: Friday, March 12, 2010, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 - Gather lists from active volunteers, i.e. Erika's Tree Planting Volunteers
 - Anne will produce invitation with RSVP instructions
 - Light menu, beer, wine
 - Post photos on website
 - Assume 50% attendance -- invite 60, expect 30
 - Produce signage for window – Welcome to NLNA
- Awards
 - Still waiting for decision about Lara
 - Other possibilities – Oron Daskall, Mary Galgon
 - No decision on Good Neighbor Award