

RCCA Board Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Thursday, February 20, 2020, 7:00 pm

Woody's Oasis

Attendance: Jeff Friedle, Chris Barton, Kathy Boyle, Marcie Schwartz, Austin Kaufmann
Guests: Gabe Baracker, Pete Marvin - UUMC, Marcia Van Ness

- I. Approval of Agenda amend to approve Baracker for a board position, Boyle move, Barton 2nd, motion passed.
Approval of Jan. 21 meeting minutes, Kauffman so moved, Boyle 2nd, motion passed.
- II. Comments from Guests:
UUMC Pete Marvin: Church lecture series, First Tuesdays, 3/3/20, 4/7/20, and 5/5/20 community encouraged to attend, handed out information cards. Choir concert with MSU choral – Kauffman will put info in the newsletter.
Clothing Drive with Spartan Ambassadors – No report, RCCA received flyer.
- III. Reports:
Treasurer's Report (Linda Dunn) – One payment to reimburse Kauffman for treats bought for teachers at Red Cedar.
Police (Adrian Ojerio) – No report
City of EL (Jake Parcell) – No report. Per Boyle nothing for our neighborhood at City Council meeting. Discussion of two additional high rises request on Bogue, will be either same height as one on corner (The Hub), or one story higher, will be all residential. Will be on council agenda on Tuesday, will also be asking for revisions in zoning code. If anyone has strong feelings about it, contact City Council.
School Board Update (Austin Kaufmann) – teachers said thank you for goodies and told Austin that there have been no problems in the neighborhood. Austin offered that community is willing to help pack at end of school as did the previous year. Not yet had a chance to get f/up on busing for younger children to stay with older sib – hoping will allow exception of being 'bused' despite taking advantage of permeable boundaries.
CONP Update (Ruth Stump) – Barton attended for Ruth – City engineer stated Ferguson construction – the worst of the noise from site is over, will be fixing 'hump' on grand river when weather allows. Info about Bogue buildings, see above. Flooding – Have done some extensive cleaning of river in prep for flooding, such as removing logs and debris. Also recent flooding on Kalamazoo was preferable to having water come into our neighborhood. Also offer a service of coming to owner's property and give suggestions re: flood prevention. Discussion of designation of historical neighborhood, purpose was in part to prevent rentals 'taking over.' City council meeting heated about this, conflict between MSU and owners, specifically Oakhill neighborhood. City wants to sell a MSU property and have it removed from historical designation. Deer culling was also actively discussed.
Neighborhood Night Out (Austin Kaufmann) – Lasagna Dinner 3/19 at UUMC, April no Neighborhood Night Out due to annual meeting, May – potentially at Brody, Dunn to check hours.
- IV. Old Business:
Parking on Lilac – No longer a responsibility of the board. (Kristi has asked to be removed from List serve, 'wants nothing to do with the Board. Austin suggesting that perhaps in future should consider writing a more nuanced response might have helped. Also noted that Kristi did not attend meetings, where she could have heard the details of the decision-making process.) ← **Do we want this in the minutes?**

Speeding on Marigold – Neighbor expressed concern that there had been speeding snowplows on Marigold. City has refuted that assertion. Also, a concern was raised about of ‘rolling through stop sign,’ Barton will pass the concern on to Adrian. Barton will also notify Cynthia that/how board will be dealing with this.

Flooding – Jeff spoke with Rhonda Oberlin, on behalf of getting community rating – re-study of Red Cedar river has been started, to adjust/lower the flood plain first phase will take 6 months. Also, community rating still being worked on by Scott Weaver – two properties out of compliance are being worked on to get in compliance.

V. New Business:

Upcoming social events: NNO March 19 at UUMC, followed by Board Meeting

Appointing Gabe to Board – His info includes city planner, 3 kids in home, wife physician, well-behaved dog, (presently not have job). Previous home got ‘dog doo’ stations on property.

Schwartz moved that Gabe be appointed to the Board, Kauffman 2nd, motion passed. Requested him to write a paragraph about himself for the newsletter.

Next board meeting dates: March 19, May 21 – Brody is possible place

Annual meeting April 16

Boyle move adjourn, Kauffman 2nd, so moved.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcie Schwartz
RCCA Secretary