

RCCA Board Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Thursday, September 19, 7:00 pm

Arbor Forest Apartments

Attendance: Board Members Ruth Stump, Chris Barton, Austin Kauffman, Jeff Friedle, Kathy Boyle, Linda Dunn, Marcie Schwartz

Guests: Pete Marvin, University United Methodist church, Jake Parcell – EL liaison

Welcome/Introductions

- I. Approval of Agenda Dunn approve, Boyle 2nd
Approval of August 22 meeting minutes – no minutes available

II. Comments from Guests –

Pete – not many folks from neighborhood at 9/8 kick-off picnic. Describes the additional use of the building – other churches, possibly choral group, men’s gay chorus. No longer has Wesley center – moved to campus and ESL program ended about 5 years ago.

Kristie White request for parking sign – She is requesting Board to endorse request for a sign to prevent anyone parking directly across from her driveway. Discussion of pros and cons, as well as the actual content of the support letter. Motion Jeff – City evaluate Kristie’s request in accordance with city process, Austin 2nd, motion passed. Barton offered to write letter.

III. Reports:

Treasurer’s Report (Linda Dunn) – Kathy filed incorporation papers, gave receipt for her payment. Now all banking MSU credit union.

Police (Adrian Ojerio) – no report

City of EL (Jake Parcell) – Students have moved into all the new residents. Election in 2 months, encourage all to vote. Homecoming parade is next weekend. Bigby will be going into old Quality Dairy spot. There is construction work occurring at lots at corner of Harrison and Trowbridge – no permits requested. Building at Abbott and Grand River, old bank building is proceeding with minimal traffic interference.

School Board Update (Austin Kaufmann) – no new info or concerns from school board. No recent complaints/concerns re: football parking. Concern that the barriers are not being put up at corner of K’zoo and Marigold – Ruth to send email to Adrian re: the ‘no through traffic’ barrier being dropped off but not put up.

IV. Old Business:

- Neighborhood directory: other neighborhoods directories – unsure what other neighborhoods do. Chris Young had volunteered to work on creating a directory – most likely will be electronic.
- Proposed neighborhood spring cleaning (Liz Harrow) – not present, no report
- Report on Ice Cream Social at 1855 9/15/19 – Austin Kaufmann – cancelled due to rain. Discussion of options for rescheduling and if so, possibility for ‘back up’ place, in case of rain. Motion Schwartz Move to cancel this year’s ice cream social, Kauffman 2nd, motion passed. Include encouraging all neighbors to attend 10/2 neighborhood event.
- Budget – Linda to put together budget based on previous discussion and a process for request for potential expenditures.

- Welcome letter to new neighbors – Suggestions for completing welcome letter. Approval of content written, suggest it should be put on letterhead, Ruth to locate template. Agree letter is intended for both students and neighborhood.
- Preparedness -- Event – 9/5/19, low attendance, though info very good, helpful. Next step is meeting 9/23/19 to determine the next steps such as identifying who may need additional assistance, possible communication plan/tree, those who need to be checked in on in an emergency – potentially a directory could include emergency info needs. Possibly block/street captain.

V. New Business:

- Upcoming social events – Oct. 2nd at 6:30, at 1030 Lilac Ave. hosted by Matthew and Shannon Delap who are providing beverages and S'more makings. Either Philly Steak House or Woody's. Chris Barton to explore possibility of Philly Steak House.
- Discussion re: noise exception for the Red Cedar Renaissance Project – Discussion of Board writing a letter expressing concern, not approving of the request. Request 9/23 to 11/30 – able to work 24/7 and then after that weekdays from 7 AM to 7 PM and 8 AM to 5 PM on Saturdays. Kathy to write email from Board to all Lansing and East Lansing Council members – “Request that deny any waiver to noise ordinance as it would have a strong negative impact on our neighborhood.” Austin to put on Nextdoor, and individual

Next board meeting dates: October 24, November 21

Adjournment – Friedle move to adjourn, Boyle 2nd, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcie Schwartz
RCCA Secretary