

**Board of Directors Meeting
Summit Hill Association
February 10, 2011
Minutes**

Members Present: Berhow, Chelseth, Donnelly, Erickson, Gislason, Husband, Kedrowski, Lawson, McFadden, Pramas, Raabe, Wilbert, Melhus, Kahn, Park, Pearce

Also Present: Roy, Hilden, McDougal

Members Absent: Bayliss, Dobson, McGann, Schweizer

President Pramas called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. Additions to the Agenda:

- a. No additions.

2. Approval of Past Minutes

- a. Approved.

3. Presidents Report

- a. SHA Holiday Party a "success!"

4. Executive Director's Report

- a. Board Orientation for Board Member Kahn.
 - a. Facilitated tonight's Feb 10 Board Election
- b. Provided oversight for successful January 21, 2011 Annual Honor Roll Awards Celebration
 - a. Record turnout of 230 participants.
- c. House Plaques
 - a. Registering homeowners for historic house plaques.
 - 1. 21 homes to date

5. CC/AA Staff Report

- a. Panhandling Information
 - a. Recently there has been a proliferation of panhandling and, especially, aggressive solicitation incidents along Grand Avenue.
 - b. Remember that the Police have access to a wide array of services for those truly in need and are best able (and willing) to help! Citizen and business reports' of panhandling incidents enable the police to track neighborhood locations of concern.
 - c. Reminder: Individuals can always call 211 for assistance in finding shelters and programs.
- b. SHA After Hours Organization
 - a. 5:00 – 7:00 pm, February 23, at Dixies on Grand
- c. Crime Updates and Coordination

6. Old Business

- a. **Wilder Property – MSP Commercial**
 - a. Bid withdrawn due to unanticipated costs (demolition, construction vs. demand).
 - b. Wilder is “reassessing options” which include, previous bids, relisting, and leasing.
 - c. Board Member Raabe mentioned the formulation of a neighborhood committee to monitor the situation.
 - 1. Mentioned the possibility of exploring the Historic Designation process.

- b. **CIB proposals Update**
 - a. Background information regarding a recent pedestrian-vehicle accident.
 - 1. Victim is “fine”
 - 2. 2nd pedestrian accident in recent months.
 - b. William Mitchell – Milton Crossing
 - 1. Received word from the Summit Avenue Residential Preservation Association (SARPA) about their concerns with historic impact, curbing, and line of sight in terms of CIB proposal.
 - c. Lamp/Street Improvements
 - 1. City works initiated discussion of ideas surrounding financing options.
 - a. Includes neighbors and business pay for half, whereas the department could pay for half.
 - d. Alternate Position Openings
 - 1. Still unfilled.
 - 2. Please contact Pramas if interested.

7. New Business

- a. **The Lexington Restaurant ZLU License Recommendation**
 - a. ZLU Chair Berhow summarized minutes and recommendation of ZLU committee.
 - b. John Hickey, one of the applicants spoke.
 - 1. Articulated he and his partners have “St. Paul roots.”
 - 2. Primary business focus is to upgrade existing structure of building.
 - 3. They plan on participating in Grand Old Day.
 - 4. Anticipated closing date is March 31, 2011.
 - c. Vote on ZLU application:
 - 1. SHA recommended approval of the current licenses and the waiver of the 45 day waiting period of the application. **(unanimous)**

- b. **Grand Old Day Wristband Booth**
 - a. Background Information provided by Pramas.
 - 1. Summary :
 - a. Participated in wristband sales four years running
 - b. No cost for fundraising
 - c. Last year \$800 profit (split with second non-profit)
 - d. Process of beer sales
 - i. Wristband = Beer Garden admittance
 - b. Plan of Action for 2011 Grand Old Day
 - 1. Need to decide soon if we would like to participate

- a. Don't want to leave GABA in "tough spot"
- b. Around 15 board members needed
- c. President Pramas will send follow-up email
- c. Betty volunteered to lead project
 - 1. "confident" in getting volunteers

c. Election of Replacement Board Member

- a. **Patrick Meacham**
 - 1. Renter, 26 years old, B.S. in Social Studies Education, Master's Candidate in Advocacy and Political Leadership
 - 2. Substitute teacher with South St. Paul School District.
 - 3. Coaching with Holy Angels girls' hockey team.
- b. **David Lovett**
 - 1. Could not attend meeting due to professional conflict.
 - 2. Works with Boy Scouts of America, renter, 25 years old, degree from Denison College.
 - 3. Requested to not be considered at this time.
- c. **Motion:** Patrick Meacham elected to SHA board (**unanimous**)
- d. **Motion:** David Lovett as alternate to SHA board (**unanimous**)

8. GABA Report

- a. **New Executive Director Hired**
 - a. Contact GABA for more information.
- b. **Grand Old Day!**
 - a. June 5, 2011
- c. **Annual Meeting, March 21, 2011**

9. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurer explained the grant income "lag" which is a result of receiving the grant income as a reimbursement for expenditures; hence there is a lag at the beginning of the year.
- b. History Book sales are \$0.7 K ahead of goal for the year.
- c. Auditor secured
 - a. Every four years SHA hires an auditor to run a fine-tooth comb through our books.
 - 1. Consult Jeff or Tim for additional information.

10. Committee Updates

- a. **Communications Committee**
 - a. SHA After Hours
 - b. Historic Plaques
 - 1. Recent article in the Pioneer Press
 - 2. Committee will be acting on issue soon.
- b. **Development Committee**
 - a. Betty has agreed to chair the committee.
 - 1. Plans to increase Progressive Supper participation is down, hope to increase numbers in April.

- c. **Pedestrian and Safety Committee**
 - a. Planning Pedestrian Safety Week
 - 1. August 15-21, 2011
- d. **D16 Implementation Committee**
 - a. No report.
- e. **Environmental Committee**
 - a. Volunteer Opportunity!
 - 1. Cleaning the trails behind Linwood
 - 2. April 9th, 2011
 - b. Annual Neighborhood Clean-up
 - 1. May 21, 2011
 - 2. Potential partnership with District 9
 - c. Plant Exchange
 - 1. June 4, 2011
 - d. Energy Workshop
 - 1. Workshop at Macalester College, February 24
- f. **Zoning and Land Use Committee**
 - a. As discussed earlier, held ZLU meeting regarding the Lexington restaurant.

11. DCC – Priscilla McDougal Update

- a. Discussed Rondo Community lawsuit.
 - a. Judge: Cannot stop construction, but claims have merit.
- b. Recent meetings have focused on parking concerns from neighbors and businesses.
- c. Additional impact on businesses has been brought up by Chambers of Commerce.
- d. No update on the Lexington bus feeder, but will look into it.

Adjourned at 8:25 pm.