

**SPRUCE HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2008**

ATTENDEES: B. Andersen, B. Behr, A. Benner, P. Borkon, B. Burrison, F. Byers, B. Feldman, M. Ferguson, J. Finan, B. Grossbach, E. Halligan, V. Johnson, R. King, B. Lessner, S. McCoubrey, M. McCoullough, J. Powers, C. Roberts, M. Wagenveld, J. Waiters, K. White, M. Young

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. This first half hour was a special closed meeting, for board members only. The purpose was to vote on the acceptance of the recommendations of the SHCA Zoning Committee on the Campus Inn project. Prior to our meeting, there were several public meetings regarding the proposed inn. A copy of the report submitted by the Zoning Committee was made available to Board members prior to the meeting. The Zoning Committee rendered a split decision of three in favor and three against the Campus Inn project. The Executive Committee was unanimous in suggesting to the Board to accept the report with the evenly divided opinions. The Motion was introduced and approved to accept the Zoning Committee report. A hand vote was then requested. The results were eleven in favor and nine opposed and one abstention to accepting the zoning committee's split decision on the Campus Inn Project. Comments were offered that accepting a divided vote from the Zoning Committee was tantamount to a "yes" vote on the Campus Inn project, and that if this project went forward, Spruce Hill would never achieve historic designation. A comment was made that it is speculative to make that connection. This special meeting was then adjourned.

GUESTS: Janet K. Wolf, Director, Woodlands Cemetery and Mansion, Blyth Dim, Crème and Sugar Pastries, Mary Goldman, Mary Daniels

The general meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of the SHCA Board meeting of September 9, 2008 were approved.

Information was presented on the history and activities at the Woodlands. Brochures were made available with information on upcoming events.

Blythe Dim of the newly opened Cream and Sugar pastry shop at 4004 Spruce Street described her services and supplied delicious samples to attendees. Thank you to Ms. Dim for sweetening our meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications: New residents in the area have offered to work on the SHCA web site. The password has expired and a log-in needs to be up and running.

Education: New plans for the playground project are due. There is a need to raise money. It was agreed that a November solicitation would be more effective rather than a Spring solicitation.

Safety: Everything is in motion for the Halloween parade, and a safe route is in place. There will be a juggler and music.

Operations: SHCA now has a new boiler

Membership: A sample of new tote bags with the SHCA logo was exhibited. This tote is on sale for \$10.00.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee submitted a report to the Board of nominees for vacant posts. Terms for all officers and half of the directors will expire this year, The committee contacted all of those whose terms are expiring and asked if they would serve again. All of the officers accepted. Of the directors, Amanda Benner declined and B. Abad resigned and Bridget Lessner is not renewing her expired term. To fill the vacant seats, the Nominating Committee nominates Justin Kaplan and Pam Hopkins.

Old Business: In 2007 SHCA contributed \$1000 to the Clark Park renovation. The Motion was approved that the contribution should be \$2500.

New Business: Funds were requested for SHCA Center's Halloween celebration, which takes place from 5 to 8 p.m. at the center. It was agreed that receipts should be presented for reimbursement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

THE NEXT MEETING, WHICH IS THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, WILL TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 11, AT THE SPRUCE HILL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHAPEL AT 42nd AND BALTIMORE AVENUE, AT 7:30 p.m.