

Spruce Hill Community Association

Minutes May 11, 2010

Attendance

Members: Bob Behr, Pauline Borkon, Ben Chesluk, Brett Feldman, David Fenske, Janet Finin, Judy Dawson, Anne Froehling, Barry Grossbach, Justin Kaplan, Laura Mazurkewicz, Elaine Nelson, Dan Thut, Jackie Waiters, Matt Wolfe, Mark Young

Officers: Mark Wagenveld, Ed Halligan, Judy Powers, Monica Ferguson

Absent: Brett Feldman, Richard King, Al Madrid, Laura Mazurkewicz, Steve McCoubrey, Marie McCullough.

Guests: Stacy Livingston, UCD, Cheryl Walker, Craig Freden

The meeting began at 7:40 pm.

Treasurer's preliminary report on the May Fair – Judy Powers

Preliminary results from the May Fair suggest we have received only a little more than half the donations we received last year, which was down from previous years. So far we have only received 6 corporate contributions and 23 from individuals. Judy believes this may in part be due to getting the solicitation letter out late. Also, in the past we have sent out two letters – one with the raffle tickets and one asking for contributions to the trust. This year a combined letter went out. Judy suggested we make phone calls to prior supporters encouraging them to contribute. Barry suggested sending a follow-up letter instead to previous corporate sponsors and including the new brochure.

As for the fair itself, the raffle did slightly better than last year. The book sale generated close to double the revenue as last year. Our overall expenses were also a little lower.

Discussion of the May Fair

Anne suggested adding balloons or other decorations for the tents in the next year to give it more of a festive atmosphere. Another suggestion was a moon bounce for kids. The question of liability arose. Having the food truck vendors proved to be very successful, with most of them selling out before the fair ended. It was also a plus not to have to deal with the city Health Department. However, in the future we may want to ask food vendors to pay a percentage of their earnings or to make a contribution to the association.

Committee Reports

Communications – Nothing to report

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Block Grants – Nothing to report

Membership/Block Representatives – Mark Young and Justin Kaplan. Our new SHCA brochure was ready and available in time for the May Fair.

Safety – Nothing to report

Operations – Mark Wagenveld. Our long-term 3rd floor tenant is moving out this week. We hope to have a new tenant in June. Meanwhile the apartment will be painted and any necessary repairs done.

Zoning – Barry Grossbach. There is a question on the election ballot next week regarding the Home Rule Charter. Barry advises we vote yes on the question. It will help the zoning board reach a quorum, preventing postponements in hearings.

Old Business.

Anne has organized a workday with UC Green on Saturday, May 15, from 9-12 for the SCHCA-owned lot, known as the “Bird Sanctuary,” off Melville Street. There is a lot of debris that needs to be picked up as well as cutting down some of the trees and removing shrubbery.

New Business

Pauline brought to the board’s attention the fact that there is a woman near 237 South 45th Street who has been selling water ice from her porch. She has now expanded her venture to tables on the sidewalk. It is doubtful that she has a license to sell food or merchandise. Pauline discussed this with Officer Davis, who suggested calling 911. Officer Livingston suspects she was told this so the police can file a report and contact L&I.

Craig Freden, who resides at 413 S. 43rd Street, spoke regarding excessive noise from students who live next door at 417 S 43rd Street. He spoke with the landlord who suggested calling the police, but has otherwise not been responsive. Janet suggested calling the landlord at the late hour when the music is being played. Barry suggested finding out where the students go to school and try to apply pressure through that route.

A number of members also mentioned concerns about property owners who do not maintain trash in proper receptacles. Barry suggested sending the addresses in question to him and offered to compile a list to take to UCD to address.

Barry mentioned there have been a series of muggings on 46th Street. Be careful everyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

-- Monica Ferguson,
SHCA Secretary

