

Gold Coast Hamburg Historic District Association Meeting

Wednesday, January 16, 2002

529 Western Street

Present: Troy Smith, Beverly Smith, Dennis LaRoque, Pam LaRoque, Steve Bartholomew, Sara Bartholomew, Sue Schroeder, PJ Slobojan, Harry Thoman, Teresa Tuck, Elmer Tuck, Terry Genz, Michael Tollenaer, Allan Hayes, Jack Haberman, Marion Meginnis

President Troy Smith opened the meeting at 7:35PM. He asked for any additions to the agenda.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded, and approved.

President Smith thanked Harry Thoman for his work on the Articles of Incorporation. He asked for a motion to accept. A motion was made to accept and was approved.

President Smith noted that the changes requested in the last meeting had been made to the Bylaws. Harry said the major changes centered on Section 9 which called for at least two people to sign all checks. Changes were also made to reflect that a proposed budget would be presented at the beginning of each fiscal year as well as an option to have a review of finances annually.

President Troy asked for a motion to approve the Bylaws. The motion was made and accepted and approved. Vice President Harry Thoman said he would file the necessary papers with the State of Iowa.

President Smith then presented a proposed budget for the year, including assets and liabilities. He pointed out that significant expenses would be approved by the membership.

Q: If we wanted to add more lights, would the expense be the same as the replacements at \$1500 apiece. The globes are salvageable and in Gordon Muller's care.

A motion was made to approve the budget and seconded and approved.

The group then moved to meeting dates and times. President Smith said that the Board was recommending that we have quarterly business meetings. A question was asked as to the number of meetings. Steve Bartholomew said that the board felt that if we had active committees, then the business meetings would be to report quarterly. President Smith said that the format being considered were a quarterly business meeting with business, a short program, and a social committee. A suggestion was made that we try meeting for the first six months once a month, then look at moving to quarterly meetings after that. It might also help with development of relationships. A suggestion was then made to have quarterly business meetings, but social get together every other month. The recommendation was also made to hold the social meetings at homes. A recommendation was made to set the social calendar quarterly. A suggestion was made that the social committee manage the months in between.

Quarterly meetings Business meetings will be at the Community Center at 529 Western Street that include business, a speaker and food. They will be held at 7PM on the first Sunday of each month. The quarterly meetings will be held:

February (meeting held in January in 2002)

May

August

November

Socials Functions at homes with social activities; no minutes at social function. Dates will be TBA.

January (replaced with business meeting in 2002)

February 17 5PM Steve & Sara Bartholomew, 615 Ripley St. (322-8911)

March 16 TBD Teresa and Elmer Tuck, 703 Ripley St. (326-3267)

April 21 4PM Jack Haberman & Marion Meginnis, 519 W. 8th St. (326-3290)

June

July

September

October

December TBD Pam & Dennis LaRoque, 532 W. 7th St. (323-0047)

The host will set the time and date for the social. A calendar will be prepared quarterly at our business meetings. Kids and guests are welcome.

A motion was made to the above and seconded and passed.

President Smith presented a list of committees that the board recommended.

A "Wish List Survey" was passed out and members were asked to fill it in and get it back to Marion by the next social meeting.

The following people volunteers for Association committees:

Home Tour Committee

Michael Tollenaer

Dennis LaRoque

Sara Bartholomew

Terry Genz

Historical Record Committee

Teresa Tuck

Troy Smith
John Smith
Steve Bartholomew
Beautification Committee
PJ Slobojan
Terry Genz
Membership Committee
Marion Meginnis
Sara Bartholomew
Marketing Committee
Harry Thoman
Jack Haberman
Social Committee
Pam LaRoque
Sue Schroeder
Allan Hayes

Other committee members can be added as people wish.
A motion was made to adjourn at 8:42PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion Meginnis
Secretary

Gold Coast & Hamburg Historic District Association Meeting
May 5, 2002

529 Western Ave.

Present: Troy Smith, Harry Thoman, Allan Hayes, Dennis LaRoque, Sue Schroeder, Teresa Tuck, Elmer Tuck, Steve Bartholomew, Sara Bartholomew, Pam LaRoque, Jack Haberman, Monica Smith, Lu Ann Thoman. Terry Genz, PJ Slobojan, Marion Meginnis, Harry Thoman, William Rogers Jill Sidney, Bob Sidney

President Troy Smith opened the meeting. He said that monthly board meetings had been set. They are:

May 19th	7PM	PJ Slobojan's home
June 30	7PM	TBD
July 28	7PM	TBD

Minutes were e-mailed from our January meeting and from the April board meeting.

Financial statement Treasurer PJ Slobojan submitted the financial statement and asked for questions. The snow removal was \$100 for removal of snow from the park area.

Beautification:

PJ shared a sheet of priorities. They are based on things that have been started or need repaired.

The next clean sweep date will be mid-October. We may get a grant from United Neighbors for paper bags.

There was one Gold Coast clean up in April. One per month is planned. If anyone is interested in helping with mowing in the park over the summer, please get in touch with Gordy-- he's been doing it.

Replacement of lights--We have two estimates in the \$3,000 range. We will also apply for grant from United Neighbors of \$1500 to help offset the cost of replacing the lights.

We are getting bids to repair the wall at Gold Coast park. There is an area that would have to be rebuilt. Installing the center stone in the gazebo. Longer range goals include the Western Street steps, including installing steps and railings. That was named as the number one long range goal. We had at least 31 people who helped with clean up day last Saturday! Thanks to everyone who helped! We filled two full trucks. Is there a way to get more trucks as we had last year? PJ said we couldn't guarantee it.

Home Tour

The tour is scheduled for September 8th. Three houses have been offered-- Bill Boom and Jimmy Dickerson; Cristina Bucksbaum & William; Jack Haberman and Marion Meginnis; Pam and Dennis said they would offer the Biederbecke house as the showcase house if nothing else was offered.

ACTION ITEM: Dennis LaRoque made a motion that the budget for the home tour be set at \$750; the motion was seconded and approved. Marion will contact NorthPark Mall to see if we can get a window to promote the tour. Jack agreed to work on the Window. Teresa Tuck mentioned that the State of Iowa will promote our home tour if we contact them in time.

Membership:

We have about 39 members.

Do we need to do a quarterly newsletter? PJ says it could be leafleted.

ACTION ITEM: Harry Thoman offered to act as editor. He asked for assistance from the membership for information. PJ will assist on distribution.

Marketing

Harry Thoman mentioned that several people had formed the Gateway Redevelopment Group to help develop the Gaines area.

Historical Records:

Teresa mentioned that the library is closed on Sunday nights during the summer. The time to get together would be Monday and Tuesday.

Troy mentioned that that he would like to see the neighborhood directory combined with the history of the neighborhood.

Teresa mentioned that this would be very time consuming. She said that a lot of information had been given away to homeowners.

The committee as described in January was: Teresa Tuck, John Smith, Troy Smith, Steve Bartholomew.

ACTION ITEM: Teresa asked if we have information on our homes, please get it to her. She would a copy of the abstract, or look at each abstract. Teresa said she would also talk to Putnam.

Marion suggested that we look at using the German American Heritage Center as a centralized repository for information.

This would be a permanent record. Terry asked if we could send out a questionnaire with a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Upcoming Socials/Business Meetings

JUNE SOCIAL: Will be at the Schroeder & Ryan homes at 504 & 510 W. 7th Street on Saturday, June 22nd. Time will be determined later.

JULY SOCIAL: Will be at the Thoman home at 817 W. 7th Street on Sunday, July 14th at

AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING: Will be at 529 Western Street on Sunday, August 4th, 7PM

OCTOBER SOCIAL: Will be an Oktoberfest Block Party at Western & 7th on Saturday, October 5 starting at 3PM.

Survey:

President Smith mentioned the survey that was sent out. He recommended if people were interested, they join the appropriate committee. He asked people who hadn't filled out the survey to turn it into Marion.

Filing of Articles:

The Articles of Incorporation will be filed with the State of Iowa. We are not required to send in the Bylaws. We are a non-profit organization. We are not a private foundation.

New Business:

It would be good to have a motion sensor light in the park. Members of the organization will handle it. Cost should be a couple of hundred dollars. They will do what they can to keep it from getting broken easily.

Lights:

ACTION ITEM: President Smith asked for a motion to proceed with replacement of the two lights in the park and file for the grant from

United Neighbors. Allan Hayes made the motion and it was seconded by PJ Slobojan. The vote passed.

Jack Haberman asked if we should look at having property insurance in the future. Troy said we would contact our existing insurance agent to see what it would cost to get that insurance.

ACTION ITEM: Jack Haberman made the motion that we explore property insurance; it was seconded and passed.

Gazebo:

We have a great gazebo and we would like to finish it with the center stone. The Beautification committee is looking for designs and cost estimates. The Beautification Committee looked at three objects: 1. The wall 2. The center stone 3. The wall in back. We probably won't get the wall done this year due to expense.

ACTION ITEM: Steve Bartholomew made a motion that we allow up to \$500 spent on the center stone. Marion Meginnis seconded it. It was passed.

Teresa asked if she could have funds for the Historical Record committee. Troy said that money would be reimbursed as money was spent.

Mary Ellen Chamberlin was unable to be with us this meeting. We will reschedule her. Paul Fessler from United Neighbors and Ken Oestrich from the city were also mentioned as possible future guests.

Respectfully submitted, s

Marion Meginnis

Secretary

Gold Coast & Hamburg Historic District Association Business Meeting

Sunday, August 4, 2002

527 Western St. 7PM

Present: PJ Slobojan, Troy Smith, Marion Meginnis, John Dodd, Dennis LaRoque, Daniel Russo, Jack Haberman, Mike Schroeder, Terry Genz, Michael Tollenaer, Linda Willaredt. Harry Thoman, Luann Thoman, William Rogers, Monica Smith

President Smith opened the meeting at 7:15PM. He welcomed new members John Dodd and Daniel Russo.

Troy asked for corrections to minutes from our last board meeting. There were none.

Financial Reports:

We have \$6,408.26 in our Savings Account.

Beautification Committee

- The center stone designed by Linda Willaredt is in place. Please stop by and see it. She received thanks from the group.
- Lights should be installed soon.
- Next cleanup day is August 10th at 9AM at Gold Coast Park. Bring tools and gloves. Every month cleanup gets a little shorter! Anytime anyone has their lawnmower out, they are welcome to mow the park.
- The next workday is September 7th. That will be cleanup of the park as well as the neighborhood. We'll figure out where we'll put the materials we clean up. Troy offered his dumpster for trash. Dennis pointed out 8th and 7th alleys. Troy suggested sending out an email and call people to get folks out for the September 7th cleanup. Marion will handle.

Membership Committee

- We have 43 paid members. Marion has created a list of all people living in the neighborhood based on the city directories.
- Harry offered to take the spread sheet of the neighborhood and create a mail list for the October social event.

Social Committee

- No one was present from the social committee.
- We discussed the Octoberfest. A recommendation was to invite kids dressed in costume to make it a larger event. Dennis said he would speak to the Social Committee. We had discussed an October 5th date for the event; we will ask the social committee if they would like to move it closer to Halloween.

Historical Committee

- A flyer was passed out to everyone in the neighborhood to pull information together quickly on homes. We will begin with the voting members of the neighborhood and expand it from there. Troy encouraged people to fill out everything they know about their homes or others. It will be compiled, hopefully electronically and put in a central location. We want to make sure we know enough about the homes on the Tour.

Home Tour Committee

- Dennis LaRoque noted that United Neighbors has offered parking and rest rooms for the day of the Tour. We are planning on having the children's group have refreshments at the park. Oscar Meyer has donated hot dogs; we are still looking for buns. Drinks in sealable containers only will be offered.
- The brochure is progressing. We are still looking for information on the Wiese home. We don't have a lot of information on the Vogt home and need help with that. We need about 3 more sentences. Need to know architectural features, who built the house and historical significance. Can someone spearhead this?
- Thanks to everyone for the window at SouthPark.
- We are trying to see if we can pre-sell tickets at Eagle or HyVee. Haven't gotten to the right person yet. Dennis is close to getting to the right person. If we pre-sell tickets, they will be \$7.00. We will include this information on the news release. People will be able to exchange their tickets at a home or the park for a brochure. If we are able to sell tickets, we'll get them three weeks out.
- We have sold some ads. Carl Cleve, Biederbecke Inn, Tiramisu, Boozies have purchased ads. The Gateway Development Group will purchase an ad for the Jipp Center.. Palmer and United Neighbors will have free ads.
- Should we have a table at the German American Heritage Center? That might help bring people up the hill to us.
- Dennis asked if Gordy and PJ could help organize the volunteers by meeting with the homeowners and helping organize the volunteers.
- Michael Tollenaer agreed to help to handle money, and William will ask Cristina if she would help.
- Who should we give tickets to prior to the tour? Media, RDA, German American Heritage, Mayor, City Council, Rock Island Historic, Historic Preservation Commission. Dennis said he would work on the list.

- William asked about the news release. There were 8 people last year who brainstormed the topic last year. He would like us to decide on a theme for the release. There was a recommendation that we keep the same theme from last year. We decided to keep the Davenport's First Neighborhood. The group discussed a theme around the word Renaissance.
- A question was asked about the booth at the Beaux Arts on Saturday. We will be able to sell tickets on Saturday and perhaps Sunday until noon. We need volunteers to help with this.
- We will go on with the tour rain or shine and we need to make sure the homeowners know that they need to be prepared for a rain situation. Harry asked for a date for the homeowners meeting. We will set that date soon.

New Business

Retaining Wall

- We have three bids for the retaining wall. Written bids were passed out at the meeting, ranging from \$2,750 to \$10,750. They have various options in each. Delf's included an assurance of taking out the plants and putting them back. Were there any guarantees to any bids. Murph's stated that it would guarantee 15 years. None of the other bids had guarantees. There was a consensus that the wall needed to be repaired. There was a question if there were any liability issues. PJ said that she can tell that the angle is changing on the north end of the business. She also stated that the wall was not installed correctly in the first place. Dennis LaRoque made a motion to accept the Delf's Landscaping bid if we could get some sort of guarantee from the company. We will also include the cost of the silt barrier fabric. It was seconded by Luann Thoman. The guarantee will be brought back to the board for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting dates for 2002

September 8th-- After Tour Party-- 519 W. 8th St.--5:30PM

October--Octoberfest Date TBD

November--(Annual meeting) Sunday, November 3, 2002 7PM

December--Social--Pam & Dennis LaRoque--Date TBA

Appointment of Nominating Committee

- President Smith asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee for officers for next year. Mike Schroeder offered to chair; Jack Haberman and Monica Smith offered to serve. The positions of Vice President, Treasurer, and one Member-At-Large (Allan Hayes' position) must be elected.

Neighborhood Safety

- August 6th is National Night Out Against Crime. United Neighbors is holding an event Tuesday night, 5:30-7:30PM. Marion will send an email out to the neighborhood about the event and also invite people to stop by at the gazebo that evening.
- The gazebo light will have an off switch that neighbors will know about.
- There is an ongoing meeting at United Neighbors called the Davenport Crime Committee every Thursday at 7PM to deal with crime and other issues in the area. The complaints go into the police department's database to look at trends and hotspots. The Committee uses many departments in the city to get things done. Harry Thoman is a member of this committee.
- There is another program called Neighborhood Watch program. It is a formal program that will require some organization to happen. The idea is to have a neutral support network and eyes and ears. There was concern that our plates were full right now, but concerns expressed about ongoing issues. There are issues of drug trafficking on 7th Street. We will encourage neighbors to email Harry Thoman if there are issues; please include other neighbors on your email so everyone knows what might be going on. Harry will keep neighbors up to date on any progress.

Other Business

- Last meeting we discussed insurance for the gazebo and lights. Original estimate was \$500. The insurance company denied us insurance because it is outdoor and too easily vandalized. We will pursue this further.

Terry made a motion to adjourn. Harry seconded.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:52PM and members retired to the kitchen for cookies and coffee.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion Meginnis
Secretary

Gold Coast & Hamburg Historic District Association Annual Meeting
Sunday, November 3, 2002

Present: Linda Willaredt, Harry Thoman, Troy Smith, Alan Hayes, Dennis LaRoque, Jack Haberman, Sarah Bartholomew, Steve Bartholomew, Terry Genz, PJ Slobojan, Mike Schroeder, Michael Tollenaer, Marion Meginnis, John Vogt, John Smith

Financial Statements (PJ Slobojan)

- We have \$8,727.89 in savings and \$1,630.20 in checking.
We have paid for replacements for lights in the park. Some of the lights are taller than others. Troy has asked for a cost on replacing the posts to lower one.
- Our insurance this year is larger because we had two home tours in the same calendar year. The insurers didn't know we owned the park, so that will be included. Troy will have the day of payment for the insurance changed so we won't be double charged again.
- Jack Haberman suggested that we get a lock for the light switch box. Troy or Dennis will check on what sort of lock we might need.
- We has also discussed a sensor light for the gazebo. We will decide if we need to do that later.

Election of Officers

- Mike Schroeder and Jack Haberman were the nominating committee. The committee sent out an email to people on the list and asking for nominations. Harry Thoman agreed to run for Vice President. Christina Bucksbaum has offered to run for Treasurer. Terry Genz has offered to run for the At-Large position. Marion Meginnis made a motion that these candidates be accepted; Steve Bartholomew seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Home Tour

Troy congratulated everyone on their Home Tour efforts.

- Concessions went well, but next year we might have strolling vendors with soft drinks. The homebase worked well in the park.
- We heard very positive comments about the cars. The German American Heritage Center sent a letter of thanks for their participation and said they had over 200 people at the Center that day.
- We sold 103 tickets--\$840.00 in sales through Eagle. There was a discount on those tickets, and not everyone showed up. Marion will send a letter of thank you to everyone who participated in the tour. They will also be invited to our Holiday on December 17th.

Social

- Troy asked the Home Tour committee to meet one more time and create a "Best Practices" for next year.
- Next year, the John Deere Classic will be on the same weekend as our Home Tour ordinarily is. A question was asked about moving it into Bix Weekend. The thought was that it was too hot. PJ suggested that the Tour Committee decide on a date and make a recommendation.
- There was a discussion about selling our remaining cards through the German American Heritage Center. Marion will contact the Center to see if they were interested. We will ask \$2.00 per pack and they are free to sell them for whatever they can get.
- Terry mentioned that there was some political literature on one of the tables. He didn't feel that that was appropriate. The membership expressed the feeling that the organization should be separated from politics. Harry suggested that we have a policy that no political materials be distributed next year.
- Steve brought up the issue of people having problems getting around given the hilly terrain. Troy said that there was some discussion of contacting the bus company to see if the Metrolink trolley might be available. Jack suggested maybe we talk to the Shriners and see about their bus.
- Terry Genz asked how everyone felt about the signs. Everyone liked them.
- A question was asked about any problems crossing Gaines. There didn't seem to be a problem.
- There was some concern about who we contact at the Times next year. It was suggested that we contact John Willard next year first.

Beautification Committee

PJ presented an annual report. Most goals were completed this year.

- We still don't know if we have a grant from United Neighbors for paper bags. United Neighbors doesn't yet know if it has been approved.
- Work on the wall should begin in the next couple of weeks.
- Long range plans include the Ripley St. steps, the Western St. steps and the Brown St. steps. The committee was very pleased with the attendance at the Clean Up days at the park. The committee was recognized for its contributions this year.

Social Committee

- December 17th will be our social at the LaRoque's house, 6:30PM until. A Christmas Walk will take place 5:30-6:30PM prior to the party. Marion & Jack Haberman and Alan and Susan Hayes agreed to open their homes. Marion said she would send

out an email seeing if others are interested in opening their houses. We will also invite volunteers from the home tour to join us for the walk and party.

- Terry asked if we could do more mailings next year instead of walking flyers around the neighborhood. PJ said she felt that it was getting easier to do. Troy said that when the committees meet, they should ask for a budget.
- Troy asked what we might like as a meeting format for next year. It was suggested that we consider a format where we have a business meeting, a social, and a speaker/coffee in rotation. Terry suggested we also think about trips to visit other historic locations. Terry Genz also mentioned a program where school kids in accelerated classes did tours a few years ago. Terry said he would find out more about this program.

Membership

- We have 43 members. Membership dues are due now for 2003. Cost continues to be \$10 per person. The following people renewed their memberships after the meeting on November 3: Steve and Sara Bartholomew, Terry Genz, Jack Haberman, Susan Hayes, Alan Hayes, Marion Meginnis, Beverly Smith, Troy Smith, Harry Thoman, Luann Thoman, Michael Tollenaer, Linda Willaredt
- The follow new members joined: John Smith, John Vogt, Jill Vogt

Committees

- We will do a sign up for committees for next year. Marion will do an email to solicit additional members who were not at the November 3rd meeting.

Neighborhood Watch

- There was discussion at our last meeting about organizing a Neighborhood Watch. Troy asked if this was something people were interested in. Steve Bartholomew said he felt the large containers attracted "pickers" and he was concerned about who might be coming through the neighborhood. Harry Thoman said if we felt this was a crime issue, we could take it to the Citywide Crime Commission.
- Harry said that an officer from the Davenport Police Department would meet with us and explain the rules, including having someone from every block represented. The group decided we need more information. We will ask United Neighbors if we can use their facility. Troy asked Harry to talk to United Neighbors about holding a meeting there in January on a weeknight, either Tuesday or Thursday to discuss a formal Neighborhood Watch.
- Drug sales appear to be down in the neighborhood.
- Alan says he is seeing more squad cars. Terry feels it takes too long for the police to get to a location.

Dennis motion to adjourn. Alan seconded it. We were adjourned at 8:48PM for a social hour.