

GCHHDA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, February 6, 2005 -- 629 6th Street, Charlie Stone & Dani Trout

Agenda:

1. Financial Statement (Bucksbaum)
2. Review of Strategic Plan
3. 2005 Budget
4. Membership Update
5. Committee Reports
 - Beautification
 - Home Tour
 - Communication
 - History
6. Home Tour Report
7. Other Business

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Meeting called to order 7:10 pm.

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3. 2005 Budget

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Harry Thoman

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Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

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Sunday, May 1, 2005 --John Smiths

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Meeting called to order 7:03 pm.

1. Minutes and Financial statement approved.
2. Membership -- \$200 received, 20 paid members so far.
3. Committee reports

a. Beautification -- report distributed. Clean sweep went great, finished in record time at 9:30. If same results next year, may need to reassess.

Leaf bags were hugely successful, 1200 bags distributed.

Landscaping around Western street steps. Trying to convince city to take down privet.

Need to replace another dying tree in Gold Coast Park

Ripley Street -- Ament Engineering hired to work up design for the connection of the steps to the wall; estimate \$2000. Possible start date mid to end of July.

Lighting -- recommendations for additional lighting. City will pay for street lights but not "ornamental" lights; determination made based on the amount of illumination of the street, as opposed to the owners property. If we can show that the historic lighting illuminates the street adequately, then we shouldn't have to pay for the lights. Long range plans -- addition of historic lighting, starting with Ripley and Gaines; need to check with the city as to whether they would consider other, more historic styles of lights, instead of the cobra lights. Historic lighting would be closer to pedestrian level, and able to illuminate below the tree crown level. Need for additional lights prompted by murder in the alley, increased crime in last year;

(include committee motions)

Moved and seconded that organization approve committee recommendations, passed unanimously.

b. Communication -- Website is live, thanks to Harry Thoman and Dani Trout. Charlie will be building a server for the website.

Domain name -- Davenport Gold Coast; will register both ".com" and ".org"

Message centers -- could be too much trouble to police and maintain; too much of an attraction for people to post any and everything that they want (attractive nuisance); might be better to have removable signs;

Broadway has fixtures that are removable but nice looking, that neighbor will store and put out on an as needed basis; Dennis, John, PJ

Flea Market -- July 30, 2005

Not exactly great response from dealers; no contracts returned as yet. Board has recommended neighborhood yard sale to start with. If it's successful, it may bring the dealers in for later years. The park would be available for setting up booths, so neighbors could congregate. Possible to get small billboard downtown, advertisement in Times

Some opposed to yard sale, not great feel in his opinion, too much potential for tacky.

The more exposure the better;

Moved and seconded to approve that Gold Coast should sponsor the neighborhood yard sale

Home Tour

(add homes listing and dates and times)

Major Art & Hobby, HyVee will pre-sell tickets

Crime Issues, Feb 17 Meeting --

Private Security Report -- Sara, Steve Bartholomew

Neighborhood Crime Watch --

Meeting attendance has been poor, maximum 6 attendees; United Neighbors expects greater participation than this; in order to get the signs, 70% of the neighborhood needs to sign their names and state that they want signs in the hood and/or on their property. UN is also pushing for a crime watch "block party" or some other meet-your-neighbors event;

Original concept of this watch was to combine it with the Neighborhood Association; most of the other steps have been taken care of, the last step is to get the signs posted.

Some opposition to signs; since group is not really strong and committed, signs seem empty and make the neighborhood look bad;

Newsletter to everyone in the neighborhood is going to be a great asset for making people aware;

New Business --

Bill Boom -- running for 3rd ward alderman, any assistance would be most welcome;
Gambling boat proposal; workshops Monday and Tuesday, please get involved

Steve Bartholomew -- Moved and seconded to design and implement Gold Coast street sign headers, to go above the existing green and white street signs; or Gold Coast banners; and postpone informational signage; motion carried.

Purse snatching -- in front of the Jipp last Saturday, in front of the Hayes' yesterday,

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Sunday, November 13, 2005 --

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3. Election
7. Other Business

Meeting called to order 6:38 pm.

1. Financial Statement

Grants received for Ripley Street steps project.

\$2000 so far expended for Ripley, architectural fees.

\$3900 current funds available for our operating expenses. Expenses will run over \$2500 estimate, \$3057 projected for this year.

Current insurance covers gazebo, lights, western steps lights. The last few years, extra insurance has been required for special events.

2. Committee Reports

Beautification (see PJ report)

Lights, railings, all cement work on Ripley done by 12-15-05, McCubbin estimates.

3. Elections

Tie for President.

Moved and seconded that we have a second election on Jan 7; any new members who would like to vote must be paid up by December 7.

4. Other Business

Vandalism/Crime

Still a big issue at 6th and Gaines;

Car vandalism in the last week on 6th & Gaines (Charlie & Dani), and W. 8th (Karen Miranda)

Moved & seconded that association pay approx. \$300 for a plaque crediting RDA's contribution to Ripley Street steps.

Meeting to review Dani's progress on the website; sometime after the tour, Dani and Charlie will plan a get-together; Terry Genz, John Dodd, Mike Schroeder, Cristina Bucksbaum, PJ Slobojan would like to help out.

Strategic planning session, Saturday 1-7-06, 9:30 am

John Frueh worked on the Great Places Committee, and thanked the neighborhood for their turnout. The Great Places Committee from the State commented that Davenport's presentation was one of the best they had seen.

13 December , 5th Street properties go before HPC, please come out to voice your concerns.

County Committee of the Whole meeting, 8:00 or 9:00 am on Thursday 11-17-05; please attend if you possibly can to support Mike Ryan

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.