

GCHHDA Membership Meeting, Feb 21, 2009

Hosts: Steve and Sara Bartholomew, 615 Ripley Street

Agenda: Introduction
Secretary Report, Approval of minutes from November 8, 2008 meeting
Plan for 2009
Treasurer's report
 2008 Financials
 2009 Budget
Membership Dues Increase
Committee Reports
 Beautification
 Park
 Clean Sweep
 Adopt A Light, Snow & Mow sponsorships
 Newsletter
 Western Street Pedestal
 High Tea
 Home Tour
EGG (Edmund Gaines Group) Project
OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

Attendance:

Board members: Jeff Gomez, Terry Genz, Sara Bartholomew, Marcia Canfield, Sara Ryan

Attendees: Duane Timm, Steve Bartholomew, Anne Corbi, Bruce Scherler (United Neighbors), PJ Slobojan, Dave Cordes, Mike Ryan, Dennis LaRoque, Marion Meginnis, Jack Haberman

Introduction

Meeting called to order 10:35 am. Jeff Gomez welcomed attendees and called for the Secretary's report and approval of minutes from the last meeting.

Secretary's Report

November 8, 2008 meeting minutes reviewed. Some errors/omissions noted. Motion by PJ Slobojan to approve minutes with corrections, seconded by Duane Timm; 11/8/2008 minutes approved, contingent upon amendment. Amended minutes need to be emailed to membership.

Plan for 2009

Jeff's view for the year is keeping up what we've got. We need to concentrate on maintaining grounds and lights, and keeping current projects and events underway. There are no big new projects that need attention, barring some kind of accident/emergency. Since there isn't anything new coming in the near future, the organization has an opportunity to take a step back, take a breather, and assess our current activities and infrastructure.

For one thing, Jeff would like to see research into switching out Western Street and Park lights for LEDs -- what's involved, how much will it cost, pros/cons.

Treasurers Report

End of year 2008 financials distributed to the members.

2009 budget forecast discussion. Where do grants come from and are they available every year. Bruce Sherler said that UN is getting all the funding from RDA that they have asked for, so funding is good right now.

Association procedures call for yearly review of books. Marion did this last year. Dave Cordes will take the lead this year; Marion Meginnis will work with him.

Motion by Terry Genz to approve budget, seconded by Duane Timm, budget approved.

Membership Dues Increase

If we make this voluntary, then there is no need for a vote/approval. Since financial situation is very good right now, is there really a need to take this step? Discussion of increasing membership numbers rather than dues; with current economic situation, increase could drive members away. Suggest including membership form and envelopes with the

newsletter each quarter. Sara Bartholomew will check into the pledge/invoice function in QuickBooks that allows mailing or emailing of reminders about dues payment. Consensus to add membership form and return envelope to newsletter, and implement email/snail mail invoicing.

Beautification -- PJ

Walkway for gazebo pretty well funded through grants, alderman funds. There is a \$210 overrun that will need to be covered by membership. Also, a railing will be added; Bob O'Hare has offered to build.

Motion sensor light now installed in gazebo, and photo sensor for rest of park lights has been installed. Jack Haberman has a bill for this that he will turn in to the Treasurer.

Per Marion Meginnis, the gazebo firestarter, a juvenile, is in custody for other offenses, so those incidents should no longer be a problem.

Clean sweep -- Bruce Scherler, United Neighbors. Date is set for May 16, 2009. City is no longer paying for dumpster dumping, but U.N. will still supply bags and lunch. Gold Coast could still do a separate cleanup, if so inclined, and UN would do what they could to make this more successful. The "Keep Scott County Clean" plastic bags from Waste Commission can be set out with trash on recycle day, and they will be picked up for free. PJ has box of those plastic bags, free to anyone interested.

Signup sheets for Adopt A Light and Snow & Mow sponsorships available at today's meeting.

Committee meeting next Saturday, February 28, 9:00 am, at PJs. All are welcome to attend. If you can't make it, but have ideas/suggestions, please call or email PJ during the week.

Newsletter

Open for anyone to submit information, any time. Duane welcomes all writers. U.N. does printing for us free of charge -- thanks.

Pedestal

This will include short history of the neighborhood, description of architectural styles; photos of homes in the neighborhood to illustrate each style. The verbiage and pictures are done, just working on a final layout. A U.N. grant is available to cover the cost of the printing, once it's ready.

Walking Tour Brochure

Brochure well underway, ad sales are going great. Final vetting of entries is taking place now, the list and map will be updated for final review in the next couple weeks. Color or BW is a big question, and the jump to color is a big added cost. Is it worth the added expense? Is this brochure going to be a big keepsake, or will it be used once and then pitched? Consensus -- color logo only.

High Tea

Tea & meal in the homes, but then dessert at the GAHC with a program of some kind. Still pretty much in the air, but we're open to suggestions, volunteers, and all the help we can get. We need three homeowners willing to host it, and at least a dozen volunteers to work in the homes, and a few cooks to help prepare the food.

Home Tour

Tentative dates, Sept 5-6 (Labor Day); or Sept 19-20

Labor Day -- too hard to get volunteers, will go with Sept 19-20. Tour homes to be announced.

Marion and Sara will help with the Tour again this year.

EGG (Edmund Gaines Group)

Lots of plantings done last year, but more perennials need to be planted this spring. Applied for Grant from City, \$100,000 for lights; possible approval pending for \$40,000. This will also be used as "seed money" when applying for other grants. PJ wants to apply for SCRRRA and RDA grants in this next cycle, and she was encouraged to do so.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update from Marion on Historic Research Center in the Jipp: the room set aside for neighborhood history records in Jipp is drywalled and mudded, ready to be primed and painted/papered. Duane, Jack, Marion will meet about Bassett & Vollum wallpapering.
- Duane Timm: money in checking -- should some of that be in CD? Per Anne Corbi, IHMVCU pays 6% annually on checking. Consensus -- not worth the trouble to move accounts.

NEW BUSINESS

- Anne Corbi -- Project Renewal Run, April 18th, 8:30 am. Group invited to participate; asked to provide prizes; Sara Bartholomew moved that organization be a sponsor for the event and donate Tshirts to be used as prizes for the Ripley Rise, Duane Timm seconded, motion carried.
- Bruce Scherler invited the group to the Feb 26, 6:00 pm (Thursday) meeting of Ambrose Neighborhood Relations Council at the Rogalski Center; discussion of St Ambrose plans and intent for expanding into the neighborhoods around the college.
- Anne Corbi -- Lot at 3rd & Gaines with the truck parked there continually -- call the city, there are ordinances against parking on the grass
- Marion Meginnis -- Recent crime spree, car break-ins; gangs of kids out and about already; how do we stop the increasing petty criminality and acts of mischief? Contact Boys & Girls Clubs, Big Brothers/Big Sisters about outreach in this neighborhood? Need to be vigilant about this, and try to head this off before the situation gets out of hand. Call 911 for in everything, email and call neighbors when you see anything suspicious

Adjournment

Anne Corbi moved to adjourn, Jack seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 12:05 pm.

GCHHDA General Meeting

Sunday, May 17, 2009

Hosts: Corey & Tanise Colvin

Agenda: Introduction

Secretary Report, approval of minutes

Plan for 2009

Treasurer Report, budget amendment

Committee Reports

- Beautification
 - Park
 - Vandalism
 - Repair
 - Lights
 - Clean Sweep follow-up report
 - Sign-up for lighting and mowing sponsor
- Newsletter
- Plaque
- Walking Tour
- High Tea
- Home Tour

EGG

Old Business

New Business – Next meeting at LeClaire House?

Adjourn

Attendance:

Board Members: Jeff Gomez, Sara Bartholomew, Tanise Colvin, Sara Ryan, Redmond Jones

Attendees: Steve Bartholomew, PJ Slobojan, Bill Boom, Jack Haberman, Marion Meginnis, Duanne Timm, Pam Laroque, Dennis Laroque, Tollanaer, and more

Introduction:

Meeting called to order at 1:30 by Jeff Gomez. All members were welcomed to the meeting and Jeff called for the Secretary's report

Secretary's Report:

February minutes will be voted on at next meeting along with the minutes from this meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

New program Quickend is not easy. There are two membership reports – if you're not on either list, but have paid please talk to Sara.

Adopt-a-light and Adopt-a-lawn spots still available.

Have received \$1,500 in non-profit grants – financially in good shape

Bills to come: Walking tour brochure needs to be printed, high tea, maintenance, etc.

Amendment to budget: \$500/yr. for ER maintenance issues only

Open for discussion - will be added as a line item and discussed again next year –

Motion made by Marion – Line item in budget for \$500 emergency maintenance

Beautification:

Walkway going to park is complete – paid for by money from the alderman fund and UN.

Shrubs, mulch, annuals - \$200 grant

Vandalism – ongoing – most recently annuals were dug up, electrical meter system broken (has been replaced by RGS)

Adjustments to motion lights (higher and possible cage for them) to deter vandalism

Meter at the park was hot – Mid-American was called and will come back and continue to work on it

Park upkeep all the time – volunteers needed

In approximately two weeks a coat of stain will be needed on the gazebo

Park Sign – Marion spoke with Officer Lee and he wants a letter from the GCHHDA stating that members realize they will be arrested if they are in the park after hours. Jeff will send letter by the first part of the week.

Sign is up and is visible – Officers will not differentiate between GCHHDA members and others.

Park hours – ½ hour after dusk/sunset

Updates: Ronsan Parker – approx. 16 - Person responsible for fire out and on probation – curfew of 7:00 p.m. thin, very slender, mixed, adopted foster child – ongoing issues with him.

Blue/Grey house on Ripley and alley – empty (next to Karen Holcomb and Becky Ryan) owned by city –

Marion will follow up on the house – lots of work to be done on the inside – single family – investment on part of city. Water goes into basement, furnace issues as well.

Clean Sweep:

Four people got garbage bags – looks good – there are more bags – City will pick them up simply call and let them know that you will have them sitting out. No sticker needed – NO PERSONAL STUFF IN THE BAGS PLEASE!

Newsletter:

Next one, guest writer Dave Cordes, will be writing an article about the best house in the GCHHDA area.

Duane is looking for submissions – if you have something you want showcased in the newsletter please contact Duane Timm.

Pedestal:

Almost done. William finished layout – Midwest Exhibits will give GCHHDA a proof before it goes on. Will be planted on Western Street Steps \$500 for this – consulting fee has upped the price. May need to kick in less than \$100 to finish project.

Walking Tour Brochure:

Almost done – tweaking a few things. Additional pictures, cover, and space for vintage photos. Sara could take to more vintage photos. Hope to have brochures done by High Tea.

High Tea:

Ellis Kell will play in park at 3:00 p.m.

Total slots available 44 – Slots filled 22-23 (Almost all repeat people – menu change)

Theme: High Tea and High Flags

Bring chair if you go to concert – Donations accepted for Ellis Kell music fund which supports his daughter who passed away

Need volunteers for a couple of hours

Trial run May 31, Sara Bartholomew's house – thank you meal for hosts

Articles to appear in Quad City Times and Dispatch

Reservations due June 6th

Email PJ if you need an invite

Tickets are \$33 Red hat or 60+ = \$30

Final spruce up day before – June 13th

Home Tour:

1st meeting Weds. May 20, 2009

Homes for the tour:

Jones

Dionna Waters – 5th Street/Coffee Shop

Taylor's (Kris & Cynthia) 8th & Brown

Barbara Minns – attorney – just across Brady Street

Looking for another place in the neighborhood – suggestions – Sydneys and Stilleys

September 19, 20

EGG:

Grants for lights \$40,000

500 & 600 block of Gaines

Design plan – finalize contractors

RDA – grant applied for and secured

\$ was available in blocks of 40K

Historical lighting similar to what's on Ripley – except LED lights

Planting on Gaines:

Tulips, daffodils, etc. – blooming all summer

August 8, 2009 – Rock the River

120 volunteers will be in Davenport in July – Bill Boom engaged them to help clean up area

Treasurer:

Amendment to budget - \$500/year for emergency maintenance issues only

Open for discussion

- Suggested it be a line item only and revisited again next year
- Membership needed to know through Treasurer's report, email, newsletter, etc.
- Motion made by Marion to add a line item in the budget in the amount of \$500 for emergency maintenance
- Seconded by Steve Bartholomew
- Motion passed – all in favor
- None opposed

Old Business

- Making progress at Jipp
 - Need help
 - Rooms in July/August
 - A/C will be in soon
 - Historical room almost done
 - Will possibly be open in conjunction with the home tour
 - Applied for a \$10,000 RDA grant
 - Open in Sept. but not as a store yet
 - ZBA still has to go through it
- 421 W. 6th Street
 - Will not be demolished
 - Jesse Hammes has taken this big project on and does good work
 - Jack Haberman is helping him to apply for tax credits (Marion and Jack will help others with federal tax credits if you have questions. Please remember that tax credits are for preservation and/or mechanicals and can be in the amount of 25% of the house value or \$25,000)
 - Finished by fall – less than a year

Next Meeting – LeClaire House possibly potluck/picnic

Ice Cream Social – August 9th 2:00-5:00

Problem Properties:

- 6th Street Apartment building next to white stucco house
 - Complaint has been filed with the Action Center online due to it progressively deteriorating
 - Inspection was scheduled – owner did not show up
 - Inspection rescheduled for May 1, 2009 - If the owner is a no show again they will begin to close the property down

Council on Wednesdays – Bill Boom

- Part of 3rd Ward Action Team
 - Process is moving forward
 - 13 planning areas (city-wide basis)
 - Give neighbors ownership
 - Money for infrastructure
 - Changes process from a delivery service to getting to know people and issues
 - Help council focus money on neediest areas
 - Additional things will dovetail this
 - Goal: City will be more responsive to needs
 - Gathering data now – What are the priorities of each planning area?
 - Excited about the progress so far
 - Planning areas are geographical/cross political boundaries (along census lines)

- Questions – Ask Bill
- 100 Homes Program
 - Not widely successful
 - Expanded area – Money may be absorbed to purchase foreclosed homes

Directory is done and will be distributed soon

Housing/Homeowner meeting at Freight House in June – need to have representation – date and time unknown

Jack Haberman made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Steve Bartholomew

Meeting adjourned

GCHHDA General Meeting

November 15, 2009

Hosts: Mike Tollenaer & Terry Genz

Agenda: Introduction

Secretary Report, no meeting in August, lack of quorum

Treasurer Report

- Profit & Loss
- Home Tour

Committee Reports

- Beautification
 - Park
 - Vandalism
 - Repair
 - Lights
- Garden Tour – need motion to have
- Sign up for lighting & mowing sponsor
- Terry Genz, Banners Gaines Street
- Newsletter
- Walking Tour
- EGG

Elections

- President – 2 years (P.J. Slobojan)
- Secretary – 2 years (Tanise Colvin)
- At-Large – 2 years (Jeff Gomez)
- At-Large – 2 years (Mike Schroeder)

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn

Attendance:

Board Members: Jeff Gomez, Sara Bartholomew, Tanise Colvin, Sara Ryan, Redmond Jones

Attendees: Steve Bartholomew, Dave Cordes, Bill Boom, Duanne Timm, Mike Tollanaer, Dave Wise, Terry Genz, P.J. Slobojan, Mike Schroeder

Introduction:

Meeting called to order by Jeff Gomez. All members were welcomed to the meeting and Jeff called for the Secretary's report

Secretary's Report:

No meeting in August, lack of a quorum

Treasurer's Report: See end of year reports that were handed out

Sara reviewed Profit & Loss sheet from January 1, 2009 – November 15, 2009 – Hard for non-accountants to read & decipher

Highlights – Adopt-A-Light Western \$43,120.00 – this is from Edmond Gaines Project, Home Tour Profit-\$2,387.26

Beautification:

- Ongoing expenses with park due to vandalism, general maintenance, and lights currently \$672.00
- Motion made to approve Garden Tour for 2010 – seconded – none opposed
- Encouraged members to sign up for spots for mowing, snow removal, and lights - \$30/month
- Banners on Gaines Street – back up in the future – possibly neighborhood wide (16) In addition to banners some discussion about having a historical marker/informational sign with a map of houses – another discussion about having a 3rd street sign added to street signs that are already in place. The 3rd sign would be a historical marker, similar to what's in place in other historical neighborhoods. Suggested the state D.O.T. or Penal system could do this inexpensively. P.J. stated that this is a part of the Beautification Committee's 5-10 year plan.

End of Year Report – 2009

1. Accomplishments in 2009
 - a. Maintained weeding & mowing at Gold Coast Park & Western Ave. Steps
 - b. Planted annuals & grass perennials at park \$200 grant from United Neighbors
 - c. Stained gazebo roof
 - d. Completed walkway \$2000 from Alderman Boom, \$500 from United Neighbors, \$200+ from GC&HHDA
 - e. Distributed yard waste bags \$500 grant from United Neighbors
 - f. Participated in Clean Sweep Day
 - g. Removed dead tree at GC Park
 - h. Added weed barrier & mulch at top of wall, transplanted peonies along this area at GC Park
2. Short term goals
 - a. Trim shrubs at Western in spring
 - b. Park benches at Park & Western – to date \$500 pending grant from United Neighbors **discussion- \$500 includes park benches and concrete base – 2 @ gazebo and 1 @ Western cost is up to \$1000/bench based on city recommendation – applying for Alderman fund & RDA Grant – concern about the area with tree – based on estimations provided by contractors – it won't be a problem – benches will be bolted to concrete**
 - c. Add mulch at park as needed
 - d. Garden Tour in 2010 – second week of July
 - e. Continued maintenance & plantings at GC Park & Western Ave. Steps
3. Long term goals – within 5-10 years
 - a. Lights and entry at Scott St.
 - b. Change out lights at Park and Western to LED
 - c. Art sculpture at GC Park

Newsletter:

Duane is looking for submissions – if you have something you want showcased in the newsletter please contact Duane Timm. The deadline for the next issue is December 5, 2009.

Walking Tour Brochure:

Need a motion for \$750.00 to do a second printing. Motion made, seconded and approved. None opposed.

EGG:

Funding for lights 500 & 600 block

\$8,600 lighting grant – working on logistics

12 foot light fixtures – possibly taller

New lighting concern – Will they match what is currently in place? In-depth discussion – similar yes but LED lighting

January meeting – Discuss lights and bring examples of things they'd like to see

Davenport Foundation established – EGG can apply for grants through this foundation

Elections

- President – P.J. Slobojan
- Secretary – Tanise Colvin
- At-Large – Jeff Gomez
- At-Large – Mike Schroeder

No nominations from the floor. Sara moved to approve the slate. Duane seconded – motion passed

New Board:

- President – P.J. Slobojan
- Treasurer – Sara Bartholomew
- Secretary – Tanise Colvin
- At – Large – Redmond Jones, Jeff Gomez, Mike Schroeder

Old Business – nothing noted

New Business

- Next Meeting – February, need place
- Signs “Home under renovation” for home owners so that people driving through neighborhood know & understand that homes are being renovated – approximately size of “for sale” signs.

Meeting Adjourned