

Gold Coast & Hamburg Historic District Association

General Membership Meeting

Sat., Feb. 20, 2010

3 p.m. social, 3:30 p.m. meeting

504 W. 7th St., Sara and Vince Ryan, Hosts

Board Members in attendance: Sara Bartholomew, Tanise Colvin, P.J. Slobojan, Terry Genz, Mike Schroeder, Jeff Gomez

Members in Attendance: Steve Bartholomew, Jennifer Berger, Ryan Berger, Bill Boom, David Cordes, Jack Haberman, Allan Hayes, Mary Houston, Marion Meginnis, Sara Ryan, Vince Ryan, Duane Timm, Lois Woods, Maurice Woods, William Rogers, Betsy Nolan, David Leyva, John Wilson

Others in attendance: Betsy Nolan, David Leyva, William Rogers, John Wilson

1. FYI and Reports

- a. Membership and voting
 - a. Sign-in - ability to vote indicated on sign-in sheet
 - b. By-laws - need to be a paid member for 30 days - discussion to come
- b. 2009 Annual Report - Jeff Gomez
 - a. Overview sent out to everyone
 - b. Projects that took place
 - i. Walking Tour Brochure - two prints
 - ii. EGG Project (lighting) - 5th - 7th on Gaines
 - c. Overview of finances
 - i. Snow & lawn care
 - ii. Approx. \$670 repair due to vandalism and lighting concerns
- c. Communications
 - a. Mass e-mail going at this point
 - b. Phone tree up & running

- c. Hand deliveries to people without access to email
- d. Concerns/questions please see a board member
- d. Website
 - a. Danielle Stone is still running website
 - b. Updates need to be sent to Danielle
 - c. P.J. is currently giving her updates
 - d. Danielle wants to maintain & do updates only
 - e. Davenportgoldcoast.com or .org - check it out
- e. Garden Tour
 - a. July 10th
 - b. Rain date July 11th
 - c. Seven private homes will be open
 - d. Western Street Steps open
 - e. Gaines Street decorative lighting & plantings viewable
 - f. Activities at park
 - i. Mini workshops
 - ii. Concert
 - iii. Vendors
- f. Park benches and bases
 - a. Benches came in this week - need to be assembled
 - b. Stored at Mike Ryan's on 8th Street
 - c. Two 4 ft. benches in Gold Coast Park - conversational area
 - d. 3rd bench will be at top of Western St. steps overlooking hill
 - e. Money came from RDA Grant
 - f. Concrete bases - final money came from Alderman beautification funds -
 - i. Western - pebble concrete

- ii. *GCP (Gold Coast Park) base stamped w/ GC emblem*
- g. *EGG - progress and public meeting*
 - a. *Working on updating area from river to Locust St.*
 - b. *Will look at designs of lights - copies available at meeting*
 - c. *Informational meeting on March 1st*
 - d. *Cost - \$3,200 - 4,000/light + installation*
- h. *Adopt-A-Light/Mow Programs*
 - a. *Sign up sheet for adopt-a-light program lights on Western or at Park*
 - b. *Sign up for snow/mow program*
 - c. *Both programs \$30/month*
 - d. *All adoptions offset estimated expenditures for the GC&HHDA*
- i. *Jim Schebler donated gavel to GC - gavel is made from lumber from the original railroad bridge - check it out*
- j. *Gold Coast mugs - \$5.00 each*

2. *Secretary's Report - Tanise Colvin*

- a. *Sign in*
- b. *Minutes were sent out - need to approve minutes with an amendment to the end of year report - it should say end of year beautification report*
- c. *Move to approve amended minutes Sara B.*
- d. *Mike S. seconded*
- e. *Motion passed to accept minutes with change noted*

3. *Treasurer's Report - Sara Bartholomew - please see Treasurer's Report*

- a. *Income/Expense report for first two months sent out*
- b. *Currently have 40 members \$15 4 new members \$10*
- c. *Two months have been adopted for adopt-a-light - so please sign up*
- d. *No months covered for snow/light - so please sign up*
- e. *Grants pending & awarded but not in coiffeurs yet*

- f. Expenses \$800 give or take (utilities, copies, postage, printing of directory, home tour brochure - \$479 - last year's expense - this was adjusted on End of Year Report done by Jeff Gomez)
 - g. \$57,000 in bank -\$46,000 slated for EGG
 - h. Questions - Sara will get back to you - no questions noted at this time
 - i. Move to approve Treasurer's report by Allan H.
 - j. Seconded - Jeff G.
 - k. Approved
4. 2010 Proposed Budget Approval - Sara Bartholomew
- a. Estimated income - \$3,975
 - b. \$5,450 - Estimated expenses
 - i. Grants will offset deficit
 - ii. Any money taken in from adopt-a-light programs will offset costs as well
 - iii. Any money made over estimated amount will offset costs too
 - c. Grants pending should be \$500 for perennials - page 2
 - d. Motion to approve proposed budget for 2010 by Marion M.
 - e. Seconded - Jeff G.
 - f. Approved
5. Policy potential change - financial report
- a. Talking about doing a financial review for each year
 - b. Want to change the wording in the policy from "audit" to "financial review"
 - c. Reason for changing - we are not doing audits - the information that is being compiled in our financial review is not the same as what would be required in an audit
 - d. Sara B. moved to make a change to the wording in our by-laws from "audit" to "financial review"
 - e. Jeff G. seconded this motion
 - f. All in favor - motion carried

6. Membership potential changes - result of planning meeting

- a. By-law currently reads - anyone living or owning property within Gold Coast can be a member.
- b. Proposal - any people (adult - over 18) within a household would be able to vote under one membership fee
- c. Discussion - Reasoning - financial decision For example if the Schroeder household purchased one membership - Mike could vote at one meeting and his wife could come to the next meeting and vote if Mike was not present
 - i. With a household membership could all adults vote? Could one membership equal two votes?
 - ii. Dollar amount hasn't been settled
 - iii. What if you own more than one property in the neighborhood? It would be a person membership not a property membership
 - iv. Reasoning for current by-laws - 2nd year of existence someone came in and changed the nature of the organization so we need to be very specific in wording
 - v. One person household same price as someone who has four adults in household?
 - vi. Brought up because not everyone could afford two memberships - but dues are relatively inexpensive
 - vii. Our by-laws currently address issues
 - viii. Possibly volunteer time to pay membership - who would track it? How many hours would it take?
 - ix. The only added benefit for a paid member is to vote
 - x. Straw vote - anyone interested in changing by-laws - zero
 - xi. Everyone agreed to keep wording as is
- d. Voting changes -
 - i. By-laws currently state you must be a member for 30 days in order to vote
 - ii. Reasoning - people forget to pay their dues, if they forget to pay dues you may be ineligible to vote at February meeting

iii. It's written like this due to past history

iv. Options

1. People could pay membership in November
2. 60 day grace period after expiration of membership
3. 10 day grace period for a renewal membership, 30 day grace period for new memberships

v. Discussion

1. Voluntary board members - we shouldn't have to chase people for memberships - leave it as is
2. Sara can now take advance due payments. If someone wants to pay for 2, 3, 5 years they can do that.
3. Phone tree is active - couldn't the call be made to remind people of dues
4. Members felt this was not an issue and opted to leave the wording as it is

7. Old Business - None

8. New Business - None

9. Goals - You can put more than one star in each category if you want to but every person gets five stars of each color (gold=top priority, red=2nd priority, green=3rd priority, blue=something you feel is not a priority). Posters were posted throughout the room and everyone in attendance and voted for the things that were their top priorities. This information will be compiled and presented to the membership at a later date.

10. Meeting adjourned at 4:23

Gold Coast Meeting, 5/16/2010, 2 pm, 729 Western Ave.

Present: Mike Schroeder, Sue Schroeder, John Dodd, Dan Russo, Bernice Orr, PJ Slobojan, Mike Tollenaer, Terry Genz, Sara Bartholomew, Marion Meginnis, Jack Haberman, Bill Boom, David Leyva, Mike Ryan, Mary Houston, Jon Wilson.

Secretary report was sent via email. No corrections or addition

Treasurer's report was emailed and handed out. No Corrections.

Reports

- CPP (Community Partnership Program) awarded the GC&HHDA a \$36,000 grant for lights on the 700 block of Gaines St. Last year we received a \$40,000 grant from them as well as a \$43,000 grant from RDA. An application will go in this fall to RDA for the 800 block.
- Scott St. Mike Ryan gave preliminary report on Scott St. with possibilities of an entry, railing, lights and landscape. The group was in favor of pursuing this project.
- Brown St. – A preliminary “survey” was done by the City to address the challenges of the Brown St. area. They indicated planting grass would help the erosion problem. This does not seem to be a satisfactory answer as we believe there is more involved to stabilize the hillside. This will continue to be pursued.
- Park benches have been installed at the Gold Coast Park and Western Ave. steps. The benches were \$2200 - \$2000 of which was covered by a grant from RDA, and \$200 from UN. Also, the base for the benches cost \$3187 and that amount was covered by alderman’s funds from Alderman, Boom, Gordon, and Meeker.
- Planting grants for the park and for Gaines St. have been awarded through UN, and many of these planted are now in the ground.
- Arcadia Publishing would like to do a book featuring the Gold Coast. William Rogers has agreed to do the writing and is in the process of communication with Arcadia. Sara B indicated someone has contacted her about history of the stucco house at 8th and Warren, se corner and encouraged people to get additional history to her.
- “Gold Coast Blooms” garden tour moving along on schedule. Please mark calendars and be ready to volunteer that day.
- The NEW (Neighborhood Enlightenment & Wellness) program is a City program where City staff is working more closely with neighborhood leaders on projects and challenges. Area 2 (our area) is the target district and a steering committee and City staff are meeting regularly to address issues.

No further business. Meeting adjourned. PJ Slobojan, reporting.

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Sat., Nov. 20, 2010, 3:00 pm Tasting Party with High Tea Menu, provided by Steve Andrews, Sara Bartholomew, Craig Canfield, Anne Corbi, Jeff Gomez, Martha McCormick, Jill Sidney, PJ Slobojan, Rob Wamer

Sat., Nov. 20, 2010, 3:45 General Membership Meeting

Sue & Mike Schroeder’s, 510 W. 7th St.

Attendance: Steve Andrews, Steve Bartholomew, Sara Bartholomew, Bill Boom, Terry Genz, Jack Haberman, Mary Houston, Dennis LaRoque, Pam LaRoque, Marion Meginnis, Mike Schroeder, Sue Schroeder, Jill Sidney, PJ Slobojan, Danielle Stone, , Jim Thomas, Judy Thomas, Mike Tollenaer, Robert Wamer

1. Welcome, open meeting – PJ Slobojan
2. Sec’r report – Secretary was not present for report

3. Treasurer's report – Sara Bartholomew gave year-to-date report. Marion Meginnis moved and Jack Haberman second to approve report. Motion carried.
4. General reports
 - a. Arcadia Publishing – William Rogers is looking for information for this history, especially commerce, people pictures for the book to be published by Arcadia about the Gold Coast, concentrating especially on the early homeowners..
 - b. Weed & Seed – Danielle Stone reported.
 - c. NEW – PJ Slobojan reported.
 - d. Membership – People are encouraged to pay 2011 dues at any time, \$10 for new members, \$15 for returning.
 - e. High Tea – Hosts are Terry Genz and Mike Tollenaer, Cristina Buchsbaum and William Rogers. Reservations are full for the tea, but another table may be added. Folding tables are needed – Bill Boom offered these if someone could provide transportation. Help is needed to move tables tomorrow. A volunteer sign up sheet was passed. Members were asked to give comments on the menu for the tea.
 - f. Hilltop Overlay. The purpose of this is to have some restrictions on commercial properties .in the Hilltop area bounded by Perry, Ripley, 5th St. and Lombard. There was concern that it would affect the Hamburg District, but that is protected by RIDO. There is still a concern by residents about restrictions that may be put on residential homes not protected by RIDO. At a public hearing recently City Staff indicated they would change the language so all residential areas would be protected. Alderman Boom is following through to make sure this language is changed. The next public hearing is Nov. 30 meeting of Planning & Zoning.
 - g. Trees – People are to notify PJ if they would like trees planted in the boulevards by their properties, or if they would NOT like trees planted in specific locations. She will pass word along to Chris Johnson, City Arborist.
 - h. 718 Ripley – Marion Meginnis reporting. The home at 718 is in the process of being moved. Foundation digging has begun in the new location on 8th St. and contractors hope to continue the process as quickly as possible during winter months.
 - i. Merchandise – Merchandise is still available – sweatshirts, t shirts, mugs. Also individual orders can be now processed through our web site. Samples of those were available to look at, including a mug, long sleeve t shirt, hat.
 - j. End of Year Report, Garden Tour Report, Beautification Report
5. Mission Statement – It was moved, seconded, approved to adopt a new Mission Statement:

We, as the Gold Coast & Hamburg Historic District Association, are dedicated to preserving the built heritage of Davenport's First Neighborhood.

Additionally, we collect its histories providing context and understanding of the great importance of this district.

Because all great neighborhoods are made up of people, families, and friends, we organize and sponsor events to bring people together, support the association, and become a more powerful voice within the community.

6. Elections – Mike Schroeder. The following slots were open for re-election – Vice-President, Treasurer, 2 At-Large. The slate for these positions were Mike Schroeder for Vice President (moving from At-Large), Sara Bartholomew for Treasurer, Redmond Jones for At-Large, Mary Houston for At-Large. There were no further nominations from the floor, and the slate was approved.
7. Awards – The following awards were given to deserving neighbors:
 - Best new roofline – Marv Warrington
 - Best new garage – Mike Ryan
 - Outstanding Paint Job – David Leyva & Betsy Nolan
 - Best House Rescue – Marion Meginnis & Jack Haberman
 - Green Trowel Award – Gordon Muller
 - Best Litter Picker Upper – Jon Wilson
 - Best Resident Gaines Flower Bed Tender – Webster Mayes
 - Best Community Garden – Central Community Circle
 - Grace Under Pressure Award – Terry Genz
 - Outstanding Brochure Designer – Sara Bartholomew
 - Best Hillside Erosion Control – Dave Cordes & Brian Pattschull, David Wise
 - Best new café – DeAnna Walters
8. Old Business - none
9. New Business – River Action contacted us about hosting a progressive dinner for a silent auction as one of their fund raisers. They have a meeting Dec. 7 for this. If anyone is interested in participating in this, they are to contact PJ before Dec. 7.

10. Adjourn

Submitted by PJ Slobojan