

GC&HHDA Annual Action Plan 2011

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1.City/Association Working Together	A.Neighborhood liaison to City concerning any mutual community issues	1)Appoint/task liaison committee to work with City on issues. 2)Committee report back to board on system of establishing and carrying out responsibilities of committee.	X X	President appointed Dave Cordes (preservation), Marion Meginnis (housing), Mike Ryan (infrastructure), PJ Slobojan (general and infrastructure). Letter written to City Staff informing of liaison procedures. PJ reported back to board on liaison progress that is denoted in other areas of this report.
	B.City liaison on maintenance projects, keeping neighborhood informed on relevant City projects.	1)Appoint/task liaison committee to work with City on issues. 2)Committee report back to board on system of establishing and carrying out responsibilities of committee.	X X	President appointed Dave Cordes (preservation), Marion Meginnis (housing), Mike Ryan (infrastructure), PJ Slobojan (general and infrastructure). Letter written to City Staff informing of liaison procedures. PJ reported back to board on liaison progress that is denoted in other areas of this report.
	C.Adopt-A-Light, City taking over lighting bills on City property, as on Western Ave.	Create dialog with City, develop proposal, research possible grants, offer to help with funding for changing out lights to LED and having City pay utilities.	X	Contacts with Alderman Boom as to LED lighting costs and whether City would pay utilities on these. In conversation with Bill Boom, City Manager Craig Malin agreed to have City pay utilities on Western Ave. PJ wrote Malin asking for procedure to shift billing to City.
	D.Billboard removal/spruce up lot at 5 th and Gaines.	Gather information/research possibilities.		

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2.Infrastructure Repair and Improvement	A.Fix retaining walls	As above under neighborhood liaison to City. Task liaisons to categorize walls as priority issue with infrastructure. Also initiate and facilitate action plans for retaining walls.	X	Encourage liaisons to address any/all infrastructure needs with safety needs. PJ had preliminary meeting with Bruce Berger for funding possibilities and sent in pictures of walls within Gold Coast in need of repair. The discussion included possibilities of using CDBG money for this. As a result “walls” were added to the survey list that community filled out for priority items. In its category it was lower priority on the survey.
	B. Brick pavement and alley repair	As above under neighborhood liaison to City.	X	Encourage liaisons to address any/all infrastructure needs with safety needs. Contact person at City is Brian Schmidt.
2.Infrastructure Repair and Improvement, con’t	C. Improved lighting	As above under neighborhood liaison to City.	X	Encourage liaisons to address any/all infrastructure needs with safety needs. 800-900 blocks of Gaines to have lighting installed in 2011. Money available through grants from CPP and RDA..
	D. Sidewalk repair	As above under neighborhood liaison to City.	X	Encourage liaisons to address any/all infrastructure needs with safety needs.
	E. Curb Replacement	As above under neighborhood liaison to City.	X	Encourage liaisons to address any/all infrastructure needs with safety needs. Curb repair was done on the 500 block of Gaines St.
	F. Buildings landmarked locally	Write endorsement statement encouraging homeowners to apply for local landmarking.		PJ contacted Matt Flynn for information on implications of this.
	G. Removal of weed	Identify trees for removal and		

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	trees	contact arborist.		
	H. Brown St. Hill Project	1)Establish seed funding for this project 2)Ask City to include in next CIP.	X	Interest money from previous RDA grant used for seed money. PJ met with Steve Russell to discuss and contacted Brian Stineman, city person in charge of this application. Interest money from previous RDA grant used for seed money. Brian Stineman(City): "It is not currently in the CIP plan. We did meet today to discuss current and future projects and we decided that it could be added to the Natural Resources Construction Project List. This list is quite long but it does get re-evaluated at least yearly. At this time I do not see any action on this project in the near future however, I am planning to evaluate the list this winter so depending on the rankings it may be something that we could do in FY 2013 which would begin after July 1, 2012."
	I.Scott St. Steps Project	Apply RDA spring cycle and Alderman'. Beautification Funds for entry.	X	First phase of project is entry at top of steps. Applications made, \$5200 awarded by Boom, Gordon, Meeker and UN for base. \$2800 approved by GC-HHDA for railing on top of base. Project to be completed in 2011. Mike Ryan in charge of entry project.
3. Expanded organizational finance	A. Increase Membership	Task membership chair to increase membership to more than previous year of 53 members.	X	11/8/11 – membership @56
	B. Obtain grants for fascade/curb appeal, etc.	1)Apply to United Neighbors. 2)Apply to RDA for Scott St. Steps	X X	Grants awarded for directory, leaf bags, annuals, mowing, cook out, Walking Tour Brochure, Home Tour, (Gaines St. flowers being considered). Tri-City Garden Club grant awarded for new park tree. Application to RDA sent in spring cycle not

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		3)Find match funds for future to CPP grants	X	awarded. Funding for Scott St. entry could be used as match for future CPP money for Scott project.
	C. Find additional funding sources	Continue Adopt a Light, Mow programs, and notify members how they can participate.	X	\$30 for utilities and \$40 for mowing. 16 slots were filled. Dennis LaRoque is donating upkeep with snow shoveling.
4. Improved quality of housing stock	A. Negligent property owners	Be informed of work being done by Weed and Seed and on the progression of Historic Preservation Ordinance potential changes.	X	<p>-Meginnis gave W&S updates at each Association meeting attended.</p> <p>-During the year, the W&S Neighborhood Restoration Committee was tasked with developing a Opportunities for Improvement list...60 properties (20 in each W&S sector) that needed changes. Several properties were identified in the GC&HHD. When the city announced its paint program in late August, it sent letters to all properties on the list to make sure they knew of the paint program as part of its outreach.</p> <p>NOTE: Funding for the W&S program has been dropped from the Federal budget. The Davenport group is planning to continue operations and is currently in the process of reassessing goals. The coordinator will continue on a ¼ time basis for the next year to support the transition to an all volunteer effort.</p> <p>-HPC ordinance, Council vote delayed until after the November election. During the summer, Marion spoke at W&S committee meetings, met with Hilltop Village Board, and was in email contact with members of the Prospect Park Historic District and the Lincoln Neighbors group to talk about the changes, share Gold Coast Resolution, and try to elicit support for the ordinance changes.</p> <p>In September, Marion was appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission by Mayor Gluba.</p> <p>PJ spoke to the VandeVeer group concerning the HP Ordinance changes. A letter of resolution was sent to Mayor Gluba a Council endorsing passage</p>

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				of the resolution.
	B. Enforcement of minimum maintenance laws	Be informed of work being done by Weed and Seed and on the progression of Historic Preservation Ordinance potential changes.	X	-During 2011, Code Enforcement moved from the Fire Department back to the Public Works department. A new director, Eric Lawson, was hired in early July to head this effort. Wearing several hats, (W&S and GRG, set up a short introductory meeting with Eric Lawson, the new director) to introduce him to the W&S area and to the neighborhood.
	C. Eliminate city owned rentals.	Be informed of work being done by Weed and Seed and on the progression of Historic Preservation Ordinance potential changes.	X	-City rentals. A group of concerned residents met with the City Housing Office after an incident at the city rental on 7 th Street. An action plan was developed to address any future concerns, lawn care and maintenance. As part of that meeting the question of eliminating the rental was discussed. The only way this can happen is if there is a swap...a house found of equal value in another area. This is an onerous process. The Housing Director was asked to look into this possibility.
	D. Incentives to reduce density from multi to single.	Be informed of work being done by Weed and Seed and on the progression of Historic Preservation Ordinance potential changes.	X	Historic Preservation Ordinance potential changes on hold at this time.
	E. Save abandoned properties	Be informed of work being done by Weed and Seed and on the progression of Historic Preservation Ordinance potential changes. Also write statement of support for positive City policy.	X	<p>This is obviously an ongoing priority.</p> <p>718 Ripley-after some starts and stops, the city was successful in finding a solid contractor, and work has begun on the house moved back in March to 8th St. The contractor plans to have the exterior painted before winter (back area is already done.)</p> <p>Jack has again focused on abandoned properties in 2011 on behalf of Gateway Redevelopmetn Group. He has been working with several people who are interested in purchasing homes in the neighborhood and located GRG through the neighborhood</p>

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				information page on its website/ Houses include 731 W. 8 th (sold), 726 W. 6 th (Andresen, offer pending), 730 Brown (4-plex, offer pending) , and 421 W. 6 th (interested party working with city on HAPPEN dollars and legal transfer of property by current owner).
	F. Down Zoning	1)Conduct informational session on down zoning. 2)Task down zone person to pursue down zoning process and procedure.	X X	1)Dave Cordes led session at Feb 2011 membership meeting. 2)Dave Cordes tasked with this.
5. Enhance Neighborhood Image		1)Communicate with City of Davenport and QC Community to improve their perception of our neighborhood.	X	Helped with city application to Great Places in America for Gold Coast. Award given to Gold Coast in fall 2011. Invited City officials and staff to Ice Cream Social.
5. Enhance Neighborhood Image, con't.		Send letter to Chief of Police asking for positive perception training of police officers as related to our neighborhood.	X	Letter sent to Chief Donchez in Feb. 2011.
	Better use of web page	Develop system where membership can directly upload information to web page.	X	Training meetings held for upload of information. New system in use.
	PR/Media contacts	1)Continue pr/media contacts for events. 2)Establish more media contacts for positive happenings in neighborhood.	X X	Listing developed for IA & IL Preservation and Genealogical groups. Contacts with radio stations at 1229 Brady for public service interviews.
	Renovation signage	Task member to investigate investment in signage.	X	Jeff Gomez volunteered to investigate.

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	Banners	Task member to investigate investment in signage.	X	Jeff Gomez volunteered to investigate.
6. Community Events	Home tour	Conduct Home tour on Sept. 24-25, planning to be determined by committee.	X	Committee Sara Bartholomew, Marion Meginnis, PJ Slobojan Report under separate file.
	High Tea	Conduct High Tea on Sat., Dec. 10, planning to be determined by committee.		Tea cancelled due to lack of host homes. Plan to have Tea in 2012.
	Garden Tour	Target 2013 for Garden Tour.	X	
7. Neighborhood outreach and connection within Gold Coast		Help sponsor Weed and Seed “Hoops” supper.	X	Contributions of food and volunteer help for event in Feb.
		Conduct social for new neighbors.	X	29 people in attendance on March 26 at 702 Western.
		Encourage membership participation in summer “Kids Pass”.	X	Participation from 4 members plus one sponsorship from GC&HHDA.
		Help support Project Renewal run.	X	Ripley Hill contest for first man and first woman. Prizes of mugs given.
		Distribute new neighbor packets.	X	Packets given to 9 new neighbors in April.
		Establish phone tree in 2011.	X	5 callers notify membership of meetings/events.
		Print and distribute neighborhood newsletter.	X	2 newsletters to membership, edited by Duane Timm
		Conduct Ice Cream Social Sun., Aug. 7.	X	Tanise Colvin organized this.

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8. Walking Tour Brochure – reprint and revise as needed.		Revise and reprint Walking Tour Brochure in 2011.	X	Brochure completed with 9 new house entries plus an informational page on neighborhood house moving and historic preservation. 2000 copies printed by local AEA.
9. Maintain/enhance Gold Coast Park		1)Cut dying tree in park 2)Sign mowing contract 3)Organize periodic clean up events	X X X	Tree taken down April 16 Contract signed with Rick Kimme 5 clean up days scheduled.
10. Safety, Neighborhood Policing and Crime Prevention		Facilitate communication among membership and city.	X X	Email communication to residents City to set up speed monitoring on 8 th and Gaines St. to determine speeders, etc.