

BNA BOARD MINUTES – MARCH 2017

Present: MM, DB, MH, DT, JF, JL, RM

No minutes

January and February minutes were voted on to approve with one exception from MM on the February minutes. MH motioned to approve minutes with minor edits; JL seconded; all approved

CRUISE TERMINAL

MM brought copies of the letter that was written to explain our position to the Port concerning the Cruise Terminal. The next step is to post on the website and send to our membership. Discussion on when to bring up...another "town hall" or general membership. There will be another letter explaining to the neighborhood that the BNA is working together with other neighborhood associations to present a united front to the Port on this issue. MM made a motion to move forward with other organizations on this issue and come to an agreement and adopt the letter to be presented; MH seconded, all approved. Small group met with other representatives from other organizations and they will meet again to form a united front. It was decided to have a standing agenda at the General Membership meeting to let the members know what's going on.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Membership dues collected; Square receipts collected; donation from MM for the special meeting; discussion about amount of payment to facilitator of meeting. Entergy came out to replace light at Markey Park.

COMMUNICATIONS

The meeting will be on Thursday; items for meeting – Doug Marshall cannot continue to chair so Babette Hines said she will be the chair, will be addressed at meeting. Discussion about updated mailing list...has been done; also can use texting to keep people informed

EVENTS

JG – MAH having hard time getting response from N7. They want to do fund raiser but can't figure out how to do this. JG and MAH are going there Thursday to discuss with them. Need to give enough lead time and will have to move date back.

Discussion of a Go Fund Me Page for Markey Park. Need to generate awareness of need for funds to keep up Markey Park. JL suggested a one page flyer on Markey Park to use at events and/or to put in mailboxes.

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Discussion began about getting funds for the Mirliton Festival.

April 23 is the Home Tour. 5 of 7 houses have agreed; thinking of setting up in parking lot at Crescent Park. New condo across from Elizabeth's will be on tour. Discussion of houses to be on tour. Tickets will be sold for \$20-25; will have map and brochure; Stephanie Bruno will write it up in paper.

Haven't started on Bar Stroll yet

TRANSPORTATION

JL spoke with chair of FMIA – they are supporting Quiet Zone. Now have about 200 signatures on petition...gathering more. This is an online petition and will be sent out again on our e blast.

PARKS

Discussion about the original contract for upkeep of the park. Possibly getting out of that contract and renegotiating with the City. Also, discussion about getting businesses to sponsor certain portions of the park and putting signs up indicating their support; need to come up with realistic budget; possible individuals who could be patrons of the park. Suggested to use our website as a platform to advertise for sponsors of the park. Neighborhood needs to know that BNA is responsible for park.

STR

MH reported that there's a rumor that they can't effectively enforce the rules by April 1. The City may hold off the new system for a little while.

The next General Meeting we will discuss Markey Park, the SPCA, the Cruise Terminal update, recap of upcoming Events. Discussion of the restaurant on Press Street and possibly having the new chef come and speak to the membership

Expansion of the Locks meeting is tonight; ABL is there representing us and we are looking for a summary of the meeting so that we can understand and form a position. MH will distribute summary to all via email and possible form a position to be presented.

JL announced that a meeting about the Riverfront Overlay will be coming up. Discussion about the overlay and suggestions about reforming our position on the overlay.

JL proposed having a conversation about the dues structure of BNA. He suggested a target for the membership; possibly contributing more for dues. He would like further discussion.

MH motioned to adjourn; JL seconded; all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07