

Kern Place Association, Board Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2016

The KPA Board meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM

The meeting was held at the Tennis Club on Virginia St. Board members present were John Byrd, James Rupley, Barbara Christopher, Andrew Dand, Charles Intebi, John Newfang, Keith Pannell and Michael Maldonado. Regular members present were Melissa Newfang, Chris Schmidt, Patricia Dand, Anne Giangiulio, and John McClure.

Minutes

To save time, Barbara Christopher emailed the minutes of the previous meeting to Board members. John Newfang moved to accept those minutes and John Byrd seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Andrew Dand gave the following report.

Checking Balance as of 6/01: \$5453.71

Savings Balance as of 6/01: \$2521.31

CD Balance as of 6/01: \$4530.50

Movie Night in the Park: +\$155 (dues and donations from 7 people)

Park Permit: -\$76

Batting Net: -\$79

KPA Logo

KPA member Anne Giangiulio presented three choices for a logo. Anne is a professor of design at UTEP and runs her own design firm. This logo or a variation of it will be used for our event advertising, correspondence, Facebook and web site. Anne will send her presentation to John Byrd and he will forward them to the board.

200 Block of Cincinnati

KPA member John McClure spoke about how drunken patrons from the Cincinnati bars and restaurants cause problems in our neighborhood. He said that these were problems that rezoning this business area could solve. For example zoning could be changed so that no more than 3 bars could operate within a certain area. KPA member Anne Giangiulio also gave her experience with living near the business area.

Keith Pannell volunteered to write a letter to the City Planning Commission that would list the concerns of KPA regarding problems on Cincinnati. He will seek input from members of the Board and residents of the neighborhood such as John McClure and Anne Giangulio. Once the letter is approved, Keith will collect resident signatures from around the Kern Place area.

Post Office Box

The new post office box has been rented for \$60 per year. It is located in the post office downtown and the address is P.O. Box 2357, El Paso, TX 79952. All downtown mailboxes have that zip address, not 79902 which is for downtown street addresses. Barbara Christopher will contact the organizations that need to know our new mailing address.

Newsletter

A newsletter will be sent out some time early in August. It will include the letter outlining our concerns about the 200 block of Cincinnati.

Parks

Alethea Park is being resodded and should be open again on August 5, 2016. A cover for the entire playground will soon be constructed by the city. John Newfang suggested we start planning for the next cycle of the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) grants in 2017. Possible improvements might be an inner curb around the walking path and curb cuts into the sidewalks in the park

Facebook

John Byrd feels we need social media guidelines to help the people who work with the KPA Facebook page and web site. He has found online guidelines from other nonprofits that we can revise to fit our unique organization. John will compose a draft and forward it to us for comments.

John Byrd reports that a lot of people are looking at the KPA Facebook.

Coming Events

8/20, 3pm - Park Olympics – Mission Hills Park

Andy Dand moved that we contribute \$200 to \$300 as our share of the event. Barbara Christopher seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

9/11 - Quintessential Brass will play in the Gazebo
Bob Cameron will pay for the concert

Event security

Constable Oscar Ugarte and Deputy Constable Jorge Sandoval are available to patrol during our events.

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 PM