

Kern Place Association, Board Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2017

The KPA Board meeting was called to order at 8:06 PM

The meeting was held at the O2 Lounge on Stanton St. Board members present were James Rupley, Barbara Christopher, John Byrd, Charles Intebi, Keith Pannell, Michael Maldonado, Andy Dand, Paty Dand and John Newfang. Special guests were Octavio Gomez and Daniela Marquez.

Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Andrew Dand gave the following report:
Checking Balance as of 12/31/2016: \$5744.69
(withdrawal - \$172 for Luminaria solar lights,
deposits - \$40 for two dues payments)
Savings Balance as of 12/31/2016: \$2524.60
CD Balance as of 12/31/2016: \$4536.54

Resignation

John Russell has handed in his resignation. In his letter he said he would still like to help with distributing the newsletter and perhaps start a neighborhood garden.

Guest Speakers

Octavio Gomez spoke about the plans for the Mardi Gras block party on Feb. 28. The business owners would like to be sensitive to the needs of Kern Place residents so the following precautions will be taken.

- Off duty, uniformed sheriff deputies have been hired to patrol the party and the nearby residential areas and prevent illegal parking.
- The speakers will be directed toward Mesa St. and they will look into adding sound barriers behind the stage. Crews will clean streets and adjacent areas the night of the 28th and the following morning
- Patrons will be encouraged to park in the public parking garage on the corner of Mesa and Glory Rd.

Keith Pannell said city regulations call for sound amplification to stop at 10:00, but this has not been enforced in the past.

Daniela Marquez spoke about the YMCA program that focuses on reducing underage and binge drinking through environmental changes and governmental policies. With funding from the Paso del Norte Health Foundation (PdNHF, <http://www.pdnhf.org>), the YMCA is assessing the impact of retail bar areas on the quality of life of nearby residents. As part of that, she asked how the Cincinnati bars and restaurants have impacted the Kern Place neighborhood. The board gave her specific feedback and she was able to listen to our discussion with Octavio Gomez.

Annual Meeting

Since the bylaws call for the Annual Meeting for members to be held in the last two weeks of March, the board determined that the date be Tuesday, March 28 from 6 to 7:30. Andy Dand volunteered to ask Mesita Elementary School if we can use their auditorium.

New day for Board meetings

Because several board members will attend the Neighborhood Leadership Academy on Wednesdays from February 15 to June 28, it was decided to change the board meeting day to the last Tuesday of the month. Therefore the next two board meetings will be February 21 and March 21.

Newsletter

Jamey Rupley said that the newsletter will be finished and distributed at some point in the first two weeks of February. It will contain articles and also an envelope for dues. It will be distributed door to door by paid personnel and also volunteers. John Russell has offered to coordinate the distribution and welcome workers with hot chocolate at his house.

Membership

John Byrd has volunteered to collect and record dues as they come in through the U.S.Mail or PayPal.

Social Media Policy

John Byrd presented a rough draft of a KPA social media policy. The board will vote on a final version at the next meeting.

Park Improvements

John Newfang investigated the cost of a mow curb around the walking trail and found out the price is \$61,000. The board asked him to also find out the price of a cover for the new playground and a KPA bulletin board. The money for these improvements will come either from donations or an NIP grant in 2018.

The new playground will open soon. The sand has been replaced with synthetic "wood chips."

John will contact the organization that puts U.S. flags in neighborhoods and find out the cost for doing that around Madeline Park on Memorial Day.

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The appeal to City Council for this renovation at this address is still pending.

NCO Committee

The committee will meet to discuss the narrative for the document on January 29 and then meet with city planners on February 2 to discuss the next step in the process.

Events

Claudia Rupley and Paty Dand are planning the following events. All events will be in Madeline Park unless noted otherwise. They will be listed in the February Newsletter.

- Spring picnic (first week in May)
- Summer movie
- 9/11 Brass band concert
- Halloween costume contest
- Christmas caroling in the gazebo
- Bark in the Park in Alethea Park

It was noted that the caroling in December was enjoyable despite the extreme wind and cold. The solar lighted luminarias around the Gazebo added to the holiday spirit. These luminarias disappeared a few days after the caroling. Jamey will call the city to see if Parks and Recreation employees removed them, and if we can have them back.

Neighborhood Leadership Academy

The deadline for the Academy is February 2. It will be on Wednesdays, 6 to 8 pm, from February 15 to June 28. Since Barbara and Jamey will attend the Academy, the day of the week for our meetings was changed to Tuesdays.

Renovations in Cincinnati business area

Keith Pannell and Charlie Intebi met with Mathew McElroy to learn about the plans for the business area. The block of Cincinnati between Mesa and Stanton will contain a single one-way driving lane of 10 ft., bordered by an 8 ft. area for parallel parking on one side and an 18 ft. area for angled parking on the other side. The sidewalks next to businesses will be 17 ft. on each side and contain a 4 ft. tree well. Businesses (except for bars) can rent the expanded sidewalk area from the city. All outside business activities will stop at 10:00 pm. These plans are 60% finalized.

Streetcar project

The construction on Stanton in the Kern Place area has closed the street down to one lane heading north until March. Because future parking on Stanton will be metered, it is anticipated that student parking will extend further into Cincinnati, Florence and Campbell. Thus the City proposes that no parking signs should also extend further into our neighborhood. The City is asking for feedback from residents on this.

There will be 230 parking meters installed on Stanton and the money from them will go toward off duty police patrols in the business area. At the next public meeting and at the final vote by City Council, the board will emphasize that meter money should stay in Kern. We will also discuss this with Peter Svarzbein.

Zip line

Michael Maldonado said that the Ed Castle Foundation would like to talk to the board about installing a zip line in Madeline Park. The Foundation would pay for the cost of putting in a 60 ft. span that is 2 ft. high. The board said the Foundation could present at the February meeting.

The Board meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Raising KPA dues

Charlie Intebi made a motion by email on February 8, 2017 that we raise KPA dues to be \$25 for families and \$50 for businesses effective immediately. On the same day the response was:

John Byrd seconded the motion and voted yes.

Andy Dand voted yes.

David Nemir voted yes.

Barbara Christopher voted yes.

Keith Pannell voted yes.

With 5 board members out of a possible 9 members voting yes, the motion carried.