

# Kern Place Association, Board Meeting Minutes

December 28, 2016

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

The meeting was held at the El Paso Tennis Club on Virginia St. Board members present were James Rupley, Barbara Christopher, David Nemir, Charles Intebi, Keith Pannell and John Newfang.

## Minutes

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

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Andrew Dand, was not present.

## Newsletter

Jamey Rupley said the newsletter will be ready to send out in January.

## Social Media

Jamey Rupley said he will link the information on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram sites.

## Madeline Park

John Newfang said he will find out the cost of a mow curb, cover for the larger playground and a KPA message board in the Gazebo. The money for these improvements may be donated by residents. If not, then this will give us a head start on the NIP grant in 2018.

## Events

Christmas caroling, December 17 -

Although it was cold and there were very high winds, a group of carolers gathered to sing and drink hot chocolate. Those that came enjoyed it and this event will surely be continued next year. The luminarias set up around the Gazebo by Jamey Rupley and Andy Dand were lovely to see and will be set up again next year.

Telescope party -

Keith Pannell suggested a gathering of junior astronomers with their telescopes in Madeline Park. At this time, all the lights in the park would be turned off.

American flags in Madeline Park -

John Newfang suggested that we contract with the Kiwanis Club to have American flags displayed around the park on Memorial Day, Flag day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day and Veterans Day. The price is \$30 a flag, but we may get a discount rate if we order a lot of them.

Paty Dand and Claudia Rupley are planning for more events in the spring and summer.

#### Cincinnati Business District

Keith Pannell and Charlie Intebi reported on the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with city planners at the Don Haskins Center. The topic was the streetcar project and a new Kern Place decorative street project in the Sun City Lights initiative. Although the plans are still being refined, it is fairly certain that there will be two small lanes, one lane of parallel parking and extended sidewalks on Cincinnati St. between Stanton St. and Mesa St. Keith said he will contact businesses in the area to see if they are supporting these plans.

The streetcars will be in the middle of Stanton St. because it was discovered that utility lines are in the north bound lane. The streetcar section of Stanton St. will have a lane for streetcars, two lanes for cars, one lane for bikes and parking on one side only. There will be a stoplight at Baltimore that will stop traffic so that riders can board the streetcar in the middle of the street.

#### Neighborhood Conservancy Overlay (NCO) Committee

The committee met December 8 to discuss a rough draft of NCO restrictions before attending the meeting with city planners on December 13. The notes from both of these meetings are at the bottom of these minutes.

#### 518 Gregory

The owner still has her appeal to the City Council on hold

#### Neighborhood Leadership Academy

Jamey Rupley, David Nemir and John Newfang shared their experiences at the Academy and urged board members to attend. Participants will receive first-hand information about City services and programs through comprehensive presentations from City department leaders, and on-site field trips to various public facilities. The Academy will be on Wednesdays, 6 to 8 pm, from February 15 to June 28. Information about this Academy will be emailed to all board members. At this time, Jamey and Barbara have signed up for the Academy

The Board meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM

