

Kern Place Association, Board Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2017

The KPA Board meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM

The meeting was held at the Carnitas Queretaro on Mesa St. Board members present were James Rupley, Barbara Christopher, Charles Intebi, Keith Pannell, Michael Maldonado, Andy Dand and John Newfang. Board member Claudia Rupley was present. Special guests were David Saucedo; his event director, Katie Scott; and Eddie and Laura Castle.

Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Andrew Dand gave the following report:
Checking Balance as of 1/31/2017: \$5792.34
Savings Balance as of 1/31/2017: \$2524.60
CD Balance as of 1/31/2017: \$4536.54

Andrew will be filing a 2016 tax return so that KPA can keep its non-profit status.

David Saucedo

Mayorial candidate David Saucedo talked about his platform. He emphasized government accountability and transparency and emerging industries in the El Paso area. Election day is May 6.

Zipline

Eddie Castle and his wife Laura are proposing a zipline in Madeline Park to honor their son Christian. Eddie is a structural engineer and his firm will take the lead in working with the city to create this attraction. It will be 75 to 100 feet long and ??? feet above the ground and possibly situated west of the tennis court. Another possible location is Alethea Park. They estimate the cost around \$8000 and can be paid for by fund raising.

Annual Meeting, March 28, Mesilla Elementary, 6:00 to 7:30

The meeting will be announced through the Newsletter, an email blast, the Facebook page and the website.

The tentative agenda for the annual meeting will be:

Introductions

Review of issues and activities during 2016

KPA Committee chairmen discuss their work and ask for volunteers

Election of new Board members

NCO draft presented followed by Q & A

Newsletter

Jamey Rupley says that the Newsletter will be distributed by hand by February 24, 2017. The 1100 Newsletters will be paid for by business advertisements included in the baggie that will be put on doors.

Madeline Park

John Newfang gave a report on Madeline park. The new large playground is finished except for the synthetic chips that go under the equipment. John is working on a quote for the large playground cover.

The recycle bins will be installed by February 24, 2017.

The freestanding, three sided bulletin board with glass cases for the announcements will cost \$7500 to \$8000 if done by the city.

If we want flags put up around the park, they will cost \$30 per flag. The flags will be set up by the Kiwanis Club of Mt. Franklin for Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, Labor Day and Veterans Day.

Andy Dand picked up our luminarias solar lights from the city.

NCO Committee

The report of the meeting between City Planning and the NCO Committee is included below.

Events

Claudia Rupley said there will be events to come such as Art in the Park, a Bark Park, movies, live music and a spring picnic.

The Board meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Letter of support for Sunset Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association (SHNIA)

Charlie Intebi made a motion by email on March 8, 2017 that we send a letter to the City Planning Commission that supports the SHNIA opposition to a cell tower in their neighborhood.

The email response from the Board was:

Barbara Christopher seconded the motion.

John Byrd voted yes.

Barbara Christopher voted yes.

Charlie Intebi voted yes.

Michael Maldonado voted yes.

Andrew Dand voted yes.

James Rupley voted yes.

With 6 board members out of a possible 9 members voting yes, the motion carried.

The email that Charlie sent the president was as follows:

Mr. Howell,

The Kern Place Association supports the Sunset Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association in opposition to the proposed cell tower in their historic neighborhood. The proposed 60ft tower will have a 2-1 setback vs the typical 3-1 setback. We are against the granting of this waiver.

We are always concerned with the granting of zoning waivers without soliciting sufficient feedback from the affected neighborhood associations and residents.

Thank you,

Charlie Intebi

President - Kern Place Association

KPA Meeting with City Planning Staff

February 2, 2017

Members of the Kern Place Association's (KPA) Neighborhood Conservancy Overlay (NCO) Committee met with staff from City Planning on Thursday, February 2, at 11 am. Anne Antonini, Senior Zoning Planner, Planning and Inspections Department, led the meeting. Other City Planning staff present were Harrison Plourde, Jeffrey Howell and Joaquin

Rodriguez. KPA members present were Charlie Intebi, Chuck Horak, Ann Horak and Barbara Christopher.

Members present discussed the Kern Place Study Area Plan Outline. The City Planning staff had created this Outline by taking our original NCO draft and putting it into the outline format required for the final NCO. Their suggestions and questions were noted in green. They asked that the Committee add our desires and policy recommendations for the business areas near our neighborhood. Once the NCO is in place, City Planning will refer to this narrative when deciding on future business development in the Kern Place area.

The NCO Committee plans to reconcile this Outline with our NCO draft, add the required narratives and then meet with City Planning in late February or early March with a revised Kern Place Study Area Plan Outline. We also anticipate introducing this Outline to KPA members at our Annual Meeting on March 28, 2017.