

Minutes
Cottontown Board of Directors
Tuesday, February 13, 2007
6:30 p.m.

Members Present Paul Bouknight, Carol Hall, Ellen Cooper, Rusty Sox, Tom Walters, Amy Herin

Members Absent Robbie Sockwell, Sandra Ligon, Doug Aylard, Susan Creed

Call to Order President Paul Bouknight called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Artist Village Project Howard Hunt spoke about his project, the Artists' Village at Elmwood. The project consists of 12-14 live/work units near the corner of Elmwood and Wayne Streets. Mr. Hunt requested a letter of support from the neighborhood association.

There was discussion on the project. There was consensus to table Mr. Hunt's request until the next meeting.

Elmwood Ave.
Church of God

Rev. Charles Ledford and Mr. Tony Gould spoke about the church's outreach ministry, Stepping Stones Ministry, Inc., which currently operates boarding homes in two houses on Bull Street. (10 beds). These have been in operation for four years. The church is applying for a grant to expand the ministry into a third building, adding 18 beds at 2111 Bull Street. All of the ministry's clients are men dealing with substance abuse issues, referred by the Morris Village treatment facility. The church will need a special zoning exception for the expanded facility. The church requested the neighborhood's support for grant application and the special exception, and that the neighborhood association provide a member to sit on the ministry's advisory board.

The guests departed. There was discussion about the ministry and its proposed expansion.

Motion Ms. Cooper moved that the neighborhood association not provide a letter of support for the special exception or grant application. Ms. Herin seconded and the motion was approved.

Motion Ms. Cooper moved that the neighborhood president speak with Capt. Green at Columbia Police to indicate the neighborhood's support of city police providing criminal background checks if the proposed expansion to the ministry goes forward. Ms. Herin seconded and the motion was approved.

North Main Street Revitalization A meeting for residents of Cottontown, Elmwood Park, Earlewood, Laurel Hill and Canalside is scheduled for February 15. The purpose is to update residents on the North Main Street Revitalization project. President Bouknight urged all board members to attend. A flyer has been distributed through the neighborhood.

Membership Drive There was a request that the secretary email the membership form to all board members.

Neighborhood Meeting There was discussion of changing the amount of annual dues. The spring meeting date was set for Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m. at the N. Main Street fire station.

Presidents' Plaque Ms. Cooper suggested that the neighborhood create a plaque recognizing past presidents of the neighborhood association.

Motion Mr. Walters moved to approve the plaque. Ms. Herin seconded and the motion was approved.

Minutes Ms. Hall moved to approve the minutes of the January 16 meeting. Ms. Herin seconded and the motion was approved.

Adjourn There was no other business. Mr. Walters moved to adjourn. Ms. Cooper seconded, the motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 20, 2007, 6:30 p.m.