

Minutes
Cottontown Board of Directors
Tuesday, March 14, 2006
6:30 p.m.

- Members Present Paul Bouknight, Ellen Cooper, Susan Creed, Carol Hall, Amy Herin, Sandra Ligon, Rusty Sox
- Members Absent Bruce Cotner, Howard Hunt, Robbie Sockwell
- Guests Present Sandy Billmeyer, Beautification Committee Chair
Joe Haynes, Senior Helpers Committee Chair
- Call to Order President Paul Bouknight called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. He distributed copies of the agenda and the minutes of the February 13, 2006 meeting.
- Correction to Minutes Ms. Hall noted a correction on the neighborhood's web site address. The correct address is www.cottontown.us.
- Motion Ms. Creed moved to approve the minutes of February 13 with the correction. Ms. Hall seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- Old Business Coca Cola Plant Deed – Ms. Cooper reported that the plant had been sold. The new owner intends to continue to operate it as a storage facility. Ms. Cooper furnished a copy of the zoning restrictions on the property, which remain regardless of ownership. She and Scott Epting plan to visit the new owner on behalf of the neighborhood.
- Committee Reports Beautification – Committee chair Sandra Billmeyer reported the damaged wax myrtle tree in the Grace Street median had been replaced. The neighborhood furnished the tree and the city installed it. It is the neighborhood's responsibility to maintain the medians. Ms. Billmeyer noted problems with a leak and poor water pressure at the faucet in the median, and that the soaker system needs replacing.
- Ms. Billmeyer and volunteer Jason Collins have also been cleaning around the historical marker signs at neighborhood entrances. There is a cleanup day planned for the pineapple fountain median on March 18 at 1:00 p.m. There were questions about who pays for the electricity and water for the medians. Mr. Bouknight volunteered to find out.

Historic Preservation – Mr. Sox reported on the Historic Preservation Committee’s recent meeting. Amy Moore at the city planning office has been invited to the spring neighborhood meeting. She has asked the neighborhood to assist in creating an updated mailing list of property owners in the neighborhood.

There was discussion about making additional copies of the neighborhood historic preservation manual. The board asked the committee to get prices for copying and purchasing binders. Mr. Bouknight will inquire about getting updated merchandise catalogs.

Senior Helpers – Committee chair Joe Haynes is trying to identify senior citizens in the neighborhood that need help with household or yard tasks. There was discussion of expanding the reach of this committee to others in Cottontown who may need neighborly assistance.

By-laws – Ms. Cooper has collected some examples of other neighborhood by-laws. She noted that any changes to Cottontown’s current by-laws would require a majority vote at a membership meeting. The committee recommends sending out the proposed changes to residents well in advance, and calling a special meeting to vote on the changes. The committee will bring its recommendations for by-laws changes to the next meeting.

Communications – Mr. Sox reported the March newsletter was almost complete. Ms. Hall volunteered to proofread. The board requested that the newsletter list board member names, email addresses, and the president’s home telephone number. Committee chair names and emails should also be noted.

Traffic – Ms. Creed, reporting for Mr. Cotner, outlined recent committee discussions revisiting the closing of Grace Street between Marion and Main, proposed speed bumps, a request by a Wallace Street resident to consider 4-way stops at the intersections of Wallace/Franklin and Wallace/Jefferson, and a proposal of residential ID stickers for cars.

New Business

City Traffic Meeting – The mayor has requested a meeting with neighborhood representatives to discuss traffic concerns. The date and time for the meeting has not been set.

Columbia Council of Neighborhoods – the next meeting is March 23, 6:30 p.m. at the Eau Claire Print Building. It includes a candidate’s forum for city offices.

Cottontown Neighborhood Meeting – Scheduled for April 22, 10:00 a.m. at the North Main Street fire station.

Adjourn

There was no other business. Ms. Hall moved to adjourn. Ms. Creed seconded, and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m.