

Minutes  
Cottontown Board of Directors  
Tuesday, April 8, 2008  
6:30 p.m.

Members Present Paul Bouknight, Ellen Cooper, Josh McDuffie, Rusty Sox, Carol Finethy, Amy Herin, Doug Aylard, Mary Broadwater, Tom Walters

Members Absent Patrick Thiele,

Call to Order President Paul Bouknight called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Minutes Ms. Cooper moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2008 meeting. Mr. Aylard seconded and the minutes were approved.

North Main Street-  
Scaping Update A notice to proceed has been issued to LJ Construction, with a mobilization date of April 21. Mary Denis Cauthen, Paul Bouknight and Ellen Cooper have been representing the neighborhood on an advisory committee related to the project. The city will place updates about the project on its web site with news about street closings, progress, etc. It was suggested that a link to the site be placed on the Cottontown web site. It was suggested that the city be invited to distribute information about the project at the neighborhood meeting.

Historic Preservation Rusty Sox reported that the city had drafted some design guidelines for an architectural conservation district that the neighborhood could begin to discuss and react to. The draft will be posted on the city's web site. A link will be provided in the newsletter and on the Cottontown web site. It was suggested that printed copies will be made available for those who do not use the internet. City staff will be available to present the draft and answer questions at the April neighborhood meeting.

There were several questions from the board about the voting process when the time comes for the neighborhood to accept or reject the guidelines. Rusty agreed to get answers and provide them for the board.

Spring Meeting The meeting is set for April 27, 3:00 p.m. at the fire station. The agenda will take care of business, including introductions and remarks by city officials, followed by the Historic Preservation input session.

There will be hot dogs and hamburgers to cook out afterwards.

- Newsletter Rusty asked for input on items for the newsletter. Members suggested a list of upcoming events, an update on streetscaping, the spring meeting, pet courtesy, the July 4 parade, National Night Out, and a membership promotion.
- Downtown Neighborhood Assn. Ms. Cooper reported that the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods has recognized a downtown neighborhood association but it is not our group (Cottontown, Arsenal Hill, Elmwood Park, and Earlewood). We will need to come up with another name. The recognized group includes the condos, lofts, Tapp's Building and others along Main Street.
- DMH Cemetery There was discussion of neighborhood uses of the cemetery lot on Geiger Avenue. Mr. McDuffie offered to inquire at the Dept. of Transportation about turning the cemetery into a park.
- Adjourn There was no other business. Ms. Finethy moved to adjourn. Mr. Walters seconded, the motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

**Next meeting Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m.**