

Minutes
Cottontown Board of Directors
Tuesday, April 11, 2006
6:30 p.m.

- Members Present Paul Bouknight, Ellen Cooper, Susan Creed, Carol Hall, Sandra Ligon, Rusty Sox, Robbie Sockwell
- Members Absent Bruce Cotner, Howard Hunt, Amy Herin
- Call to Order President Paul Bouknight called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He distributed copies of the agenda and the minutes of the March 14, 2006 meeting.
- Motion Ms. Cooper moved to approve the minutes of March 14. Ms. Hall seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- Presentation Mr. Christian Brown and Mr. Sean Halford, representing Knotty Headz, made a presentation and answered questions about their proposal to open a tattoo studio at 2845 North Main Street.
- Mr. Cotner arrived at 6:35 p.m.
- Discussion After the guests departed, there was discussion about the proposed business, its potential impact on the neighborhood and the board's position on a special zoning exception required for the business to open. A decision on whether the board would take a position needs to be made by May 9 in order to be considered in the city's approval or denial of the special exception.
- The board members present agreed to hold the next meeting on May 2 to discuss the issue further.
- Old Business Bylaws – Ms. Cooper and Ms. Hall distributed and reviewed a draft of proposed revisions to the current neighborhood association bylaws. They asked board members to read the proposed changes in order to discuss them at the next meeting.
- Motion Ms. Cooper moved that there be an announcement at the April 22 membership meeting of the board's intent to call a special meeting over the summer to vote on amended bylaws, and that proper notification be provided to members at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. Mr. Sockwell seconded and the motion was approved.

Newsletter – Members commented on the recent newsletter. Mr. Sox noted the contributions of Cottontown resident Roxanne Spray, who designed the layout.

Motion

Ms. Hall moved to authorize a blanket reimbursement for newsletter expenses, which are generally over the \$50 approval limit granted to the president. Mr. Sockwell seconded and the motion was approved.

Traffic – A date has not yet been set for the mayor’s meeting with the neighborhood and businesses on North Main Street.

Historic Preservation Manuals – Mr. Bouknight has assembled 10-12 copies of the neighborhood preservation manual. Board members or block coordinators should distribute these when new homeowners move into their zones. Mr. Sox will keep the supply of manuals.

New Business

Zoning Issues – Lamar Outdoor Advertising has applied to change the Bull Street billboard (near the Red Cross) to an electronic LED display. The zoning board has deferred the request to its May 9 meeting.

April 22 Neighborhood Membership Meeting – Board members volunteered for bringing refreshments. Invitees include the mayor, city council members, fire and police department representatives.

Mr. Sox will present the design preservation district proposal. Mr. Cotner will present the traffic update. The board will recognize the newest resident of Cottontown with a small gift.

Garden at Fire Station – this matter was referred to the Beautification Committee.

Adjourn

There was no other business. Ms. Hall moved to adjourn. Mr. Sockwell seconded, and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m.