

Minutes  
Cottontown Board of Directors  
2 May 2006  
6:30pm

Members present: Paul Bouknight, Ellen Cooper, Carol Hall, Susan Creed, Robbie Sockwell, Sandra Ligon

Members absent: Howard Hunt, Amy Herin, Rusty Sox, Bruce Cotner

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

New Business: 2321 Main St, the previous location of Pinnacle Auto Sales, is now empty. (This is basically across from the corner of Main and Franklin.) A Cash Advance is proposed, but needs a special exemption from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Jack Pringle, an attorney for Ellis and Lawhorne, made a presentation on behalf of Cash Advance, a company based in Wilmington, North Carolina. He showed landscape drawings, irrigation plans, and stated that they planned to use existing signage. He was unable to answer various questions about hours of operation, customer base, etc. He stated he would research those issues and get back with us. Cash Advance should be on the BOZA agenda for the June, 2006 meeting.

Old Business: The Board members present discussed the proposed tattoo studio. Robbie stated that no one with whom he had spoken on Wallace St had been in favor of it. He said that since he felt he needed to represent his immediate neighbors, he would oppose the special exemption for the studio. Sandra said that she was inclined to support it. Susan stated her support. Ellen made clear that her opposition was to the kind of business, not the kind of patron. Carol presented a motion that "we support the special exemption." The motion failed, 3-2. Carol was assigned the task of writing a letter to that effect to BOZA. Robbie volunteered to print and distribute flyers urging neighbors to attend the hearing.

In other old business, the matter of the LED billboard is still unresolved as the city is still considering its policy concerning billboards with changing messages. Also, Ellen said that she would call Charles Austin to check on the status of the Universoul Circus.

Bylaws: Ellen walked us through the proposed bylaws, giving rationale for each revision and change. Susan moved that the proposed number of petitioners requesting a called meeting be changed from 20 to 15. That motion failed. We discussed the issue of conflict of interest. Susan said that she would speak with those in the neighborhood who felt strongly about this issue in order to get a precise definition of "conflict of interest" in the context of a neighborhood association. We decided that this issue will be deferred until later so as not to hold up the bylaw process. Susan moved that we include "voting ex-officio" instead of "ex-officio" with regard to the past president's role on the board. This motion failed. Susan suggested that the wording about the make-

up of the nominating committee be clarified with regard to the meaning of “one” member of the board serving on that committee. Her suggestion was that “one” member of the board and “two” members of the association make up the nominating committee. That revision was incorporated into the proposed draft. The entire proposed bylaws were then approved by the Board for distribution to the neighborhood. Ellen and Carol will work on a document to be distributed in advance of the special summer meeting called to revise the bylaws.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at 6:30pm.