

Minutes
Cottontown Board of Directors
Tuesday, May 13, 2008
6:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent Patrick Thiele, Mary Broadwater, Carol Finethy

Guests Caroline Watson, Judy Dawson, Mike Dawson representing Wales Garden; Will Stork representing Wilson Kibler Realtors.

Call to Order President Paul Bouknight called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Five Points
Development

Representatives of Wales Garden made a presentation about the proposed development of the Kenny's Garage site in Five Points. They requested Cottontown's support of a request by neighborhoods that the city re-examine the proposed project.

2725 Drayton Street Mr. Stork explained that he would be requesting a special zoning exception for 2725 Drayton (across Main St. from Cottontown, currently zoned C-3) to be used as "local trucking without storage" – parking for Rooms to Go trucks. He requested Cottontown's support of the special exception. The BOZA meeting is Tuesday, June 10 at 10:00 a.m.

All guests departed after their presentations.

Minutes

Ms. Cooper requested that the minutes of the April 8, 2008 meeting be changed to replace verbiage regarding the Downtown Neighborhood Association with the following:

"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."

Mr. McDuffie noted that he had contacted the Dept. of Transportation, not the Department of Mental Health regarding the parcel adjacent to the Geiger St. cemetery.

Mr. Aylard moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2008 meeting as corrected. Ms. Herin seconded and the minutes were approved.

North Main Street-
Scaping Update

Ms. Cooper reported that some work had begun around Anthony Street during certain times of the day. There was discussion of how the work might impact the fire station.

Historic Preservation

Mr. Sox reported that the city had made some revisions to the draft design guidelines which were presented at the April membership meeting, based on some feedback from the Historic Preservation Committee. The committee will meet again to discuss and recommend boundaries for the district.

Ms. Cooper asked the Historic Preservation Committee to plan for trying to get the northern (Grace Street) tip of the neighborhood added to the National Register district.

New Business

2725 Drayton St.

There was discussion of the request for a special zoning exception for 2725 Drayton.

Motion

Mr. McDuffie moved that the neighborhood strongly oppose the special exception for local trucking. Mr. Aylard seconded and the motion was approved.

Five Points

There was discussion of the request to sign on to the neighborhood's petition that the city reconsider the Kenny's Garage site plan.

Motion

Mr. McDuffie moved to add Cottontown's name to the list of neighborhoods supporting the Shandon Neighborhood Council's request to re-examine the Kenny's Auto site project.

There was discussion on the motion, after which the motion passed with one member abstaining.

4th of July

Carol Finethy is moving ahead with planning the annual 4th of July parade and brunch. All agreed that it would be OK to invite other neighborhoods to participate.

National Night Out

There was discussion of plans to combine this event with Earlewood's to increase participation.

Cotton Ball

Mr. McDuffie presented his idea for a formal ball for the neighborhood.

- Motion Ms. Cooper moved to put Mr. McDuffie in charge of the Cotton Ball. Ms. Herin seconded and the motion was approved.
- Storm Drains There was discussion of clogged storm drains in light of the recent flooding after a heavy downpour.
- Voting Place Ms. Cooper moved that the board write a letter to the Richland County Election Commission requesting that Cottontown's polling place be returned to the North Main Street fire station. Mr. Walters seconded and the motion was approved.
- Adjourn There was no other business. Ms. Herin moved to adjourn. Mr. McDuffie seconded, the motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m.