

Minutes
Cottontown Board of Directors
Tuesday, July 14, 2009

Members Present	Paul Bouknight, Josh McDuffie, Ellen Cooper, Tom Walters, Amy Herin, Carol Finethy, Rusty Sox, Dennis Butt, Mary Broadwater
Absent	Julie Seel
Call to Order	President Paul Bouknight called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Approval of Minutes	Ms. Cooper moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2009 meeting. Ms. Finethy seconded and the minutes were approved.
Cookbook	Ms. Cooper still needs recipes for the cookbook.
National Night Out	Mr. Bouknight reported that he would apply for a \$100 grant from the city to assist with NNO expenses. A flyer will be distributed inviting residents to porch parties at 4 locations. City officials and dignitaries will be invited.
MHA Board Seat	There was discussion of the purpose and usefulness of Cottontown's seat on the board of the Midlands Housing Alliance.
Motion	Mr. McDuffie moved that the Cottontown representative (Mr. Bouknight) resign from the board and request the removal of any official representation from Cottontown from the MHA's letterhead and board list. Ms. Finethy seconded. The motion was approved.
Historic Preservation	There was discussion of recent applications before the DDRC and the issue of solar panels being raised in the Melrose Heights neighborhood. Mr. Sox will ask the city planning office to clarify how Cottontown's guidelines address this issue.
Finlay Park Parking Lot	There was discussion of the city's closing of the parking lot at Finlay Park and whether the Cottontown neighborhood should take a stand on the issue.
Motion	Mr. McDuffie moved that the Cottontown neighborhood not support the closing of public spaces and encourage stronger police enforcement. Mr. Butt seconded.

There was discussion of the motion. The motion failed for lack of a majority.

- Fall Meeting There was discussion of several possible dates for the fall neighborhood meeting. A decision was deferred to the August meeting.
- Board Nominations Mr. Bouknight requested suggestions for possible future nominees to the board.
- Road Conditions There was discussion of concerns about the condition of Sumter Street and the speed of motorists on Sumter. The matter was referred to the traffic committee for investigation and recommendations.
- Burned Duplex There was discussion of the status of repairs at the burned duplex apartment at Victoria and Marion Streets. Mr. Bouknight will make an inquiry about city requirements.
- Adjourn There was no further business. Mr. McDuffie moved to adjourn. Mr. Walters seconded and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.