

Minutes
Cottontown Board of Directors
Tuesday, August 12, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Members Present	Paul Bouknight, Ellen Cooper, Josh McDuffie, Rusty Sox, Doug Aylard, Amy Herin, Mary Broadwater
Members Absent	Tom Walters, Carol Latimer Finethy, Patrick Thiele
Guests	Barbara Sherrod, Alice Appleby, Marc Mylott, Sam Davis
Call to Order	President Paul Bouknight called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Ms. Sherrod & Ms. Appleby	Ms. Sherrod and Ms. Appleby shared their concerns about their properties being included in the city's Interim Measures for Community Character Protection. Both are zoned commercial, used residentially, and would be covered by the ordinance. They requested that their properties be removed from the boundaries covered by the interim measures.
Marc Mylott	Mr. Marc Mylott, city zoning administrator, discussed the Interim Measures for Community Character Protection and presented alternate boundaries for the area to be covered by the ordinance. There was discussion of various options.
Motion	Ms. Herin moved to propose a compromise map, increasing the city's proposed alternate boundaries to include all cross street addresses, those being Franklin, Jefferson, Victoria, Confederate, Summerville, Geiger and Anthony. Mr. Aylard seconded and the motion was approved.
North Main Streetscaping	Councilman Sam Davis shared some information about the Streetscaping project, the current focus of which is making sewer and other infrastructure improvements.
Salvation Army Site	Ms. Cooper and Mr. Bouknight reported the Midlands Housing Alliance intends to convert the old Salvation Army site into the Midlands Transition Center, a service and housing facility for the homeless. The Coalition of Downtown Neighborhoods has invited the MHA to a meeting with neighborhoods on August 21 to present their plans and answer questions. The MHA is scheduled to present its plans to the Board of Zoning Appeals on September 17

– they will need a new special zoning exception to implement their plans on the site.

The MHA has agreed to give neighborhoods four voting seats on its board. Cottontown will need to appoint one person to serve on the board.

Motion

Ms. Cooper moved that the neighborhood president or his designee be appointed as the Cottontown representative on the MHA board. Mr. McDuffie seconded and the motion was approved.

With consensus of the board the following text was noted for the minutes:

Representation of the neighborhood on the MHA board does not constitute an endorsement of the Midlands Housing Alliance, its facilities or its programs.

Christ Central
Ministries

There was discussion of activities at the Elmwood and Main Street location.

Historic Preservation
Committee

Mr. Sox reported that the committee would be meeting in late August to finalize the draft historic preservation guidelines and district boundaries.

Coalition of
Downtown Neigh-
borhoods

Ms. Cooper has been elected president of this group, which represents Arsenal Hill, Cottontown, Elmwood Park, Earlewood, and the Robert Mills District. Each neighborhood will appoint two representatives. The group will be meeting with the city to be formally recognized as a neighborhood group.

Fall Meeting

The fall neighborhood meeting was set for Sunday, October 19, 3:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.

(**NOTE** The date of this meeting was subsequently changed to Sunday, October 26, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Fire Station)

Fundraising

Reformation Lutheran Church has asked Cottontown to join with them to do a holiday home tour. There was discussion, and other ideas for fundraisers were offered, such as a progressive dinner or party. No decisions were made.

Nominating

Committee Mr. Bouknight proposed the following for a nominating committee to nominate officers and board for 2008-2009: Ellen Cooper, chair, Toby Burleson and Sandra Billmeyer.

Motion Mr. McDuffie moved to approve the committee. Mr. Aylard seconded and the motion was approved.

Request for Zoning Variance Mr. Bouknight reviewed a request by Mr. Howard Hunt for a zoning variance for work being done at his property at the corner of Marion and Geiger Avenue. There was discussion of the work being proposed.

Motion Mr. McDuffie moved that the board not oppose the application. Mr. Aylard seconded and the motion was approved.

Minutes Ms. Cooper moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2008 board meeting and the special meeting on July 29, 2008. Ms. Broadwater seconded and minutes of both meetings were approved.

There was no other business. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m.

(**Note** The date of the next meeting was subsequently changed to September 23.)