

Minutes
Cottontown Board of Directors
Tuesday, January 13, 2009

- Members Present Paul Bouknight, Ellen Cooper, Carol Finethy, Dennis Butt, Josh McDuffie, Rusty Sox
- Absent Mary Broadwater, Tom Walters, Amy Herin, Doug Aylard
- Call to Order President Paul Bouknight called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Approval of Minutes Mr. McDuffie moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2008 meeting. Ms. Finethy seconded and the minutes were approved.
- Midlands Housing Alliance Ms. Cooper reported that the Coalition of Downtown Neighborhoods had met with representatives of MHA, which is seeking to develop a Good Neighbor Policy. Neighborhoods will submit written questions for MHA's written responses. The CDN continues to express support for the Williams Street site for the homeless services center.
- Christ Central Ministries Rev. Jones hosted a luncheon before Christmas and invited representatives from the Coalition of Downtown Neighborhoods. The neighborhoods had requested a meeting to learn about his plans for the site at the corner of Main and Elmwood. Ms. Cooper reported that current plans for the site have been scaled back to include a sanctuary, classrooms and offices but not a shelter.
- Historic Preservation Mr. Sox reported on the timeline for taking the city's staff recommendation for the Cottontown Architectural Conservation District to the Design Development Review Commission (Feb.3), the Planning Commission (March) and City Council (May).
- Cookbook Ms. Cooper encouraged board members to contribute recipes if they wanted to see a cookbook.
- Committees Mr. Bouknight distributed recommendations for committees for 2009. There was discussion and some suggested revisions.
- Mr. Aylard joined the meeting at 7:12.
- Motion Mr. McDuffie moved to approve the committees as revised. Mr. Butt seconded and the committees were approved.

Nametags	There was discussion about having nametags for board members for occasions such as council meetings and other official functions. There was discussion of cost and design. Ms. Finethy offered to investigate some details and report back to the board.
Street Lights	Mr. Irvine, a resident on Jefferson Street, has contacted the board to request a street light assessment in the neighborhood. The matter was referred to the Crime Prevention committee.
City Trees	Mr. Aylard reported that some residents had complained about damage to structures by city trees planted in the tree zone. Mr. Bouknight will discuss with the city arborist.
Zoning Variance	Mr. Aylard notified the board that in the future he would be seeking a zoning variance for his business located on the west side of North Main Street. There was discussion of the nature of the business and the need for a variance.
Adjourn	There was no other business. Ms. Finethy moved to adjourn. Mr. McDuffie seconded and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.