

Minutes
Cottontown Board of Directors
Tuesday, November 17, 2009

- Members Present Josh McDuffie, Paul Bouknight, Carol Finethy, Will Thrift, Dennis Butt, Anne Lockwood, Mary Broadwater, Sabrina Walker
- Absent Renee Johnson, Geoff Williams
- Call to Order President Josh McDuffie called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
- Approval of Minutes Mr. Bouknight moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2009 Board of Directors meeting. Ms. Finethy seconded and the minutes were approved.
- Cookbook Mr. McDuffie spoke for Ms. Cooper. Cookbook is ready to go to print, may need approval of Board for funds. Ms. Finethy will coordinate with Ms. Cooper to determine what funds will be needed.
- Dog Park/Greenway Mr. McDuffie and Mr. Bouknight attended a meeting at Arsenal Hill for extending the Greenway into the DOT area and creating a dog park there. It was determined that there will not be a dog park and DOT plans to sell the parcel. Mr. McDuffie will send a letter to City zoning office asking for an update on zoning of the parcel so our neighborhood will be aware of developments.
- 1411 Anthony There was discussion of the status of this property (as well as some others in the neighborhood) as a multi-family dwelling. There was a consensus among Board members present that the neighborhood will continue an official stance of opposing permitting this property to be a multi-family dwelling.
- Payday Lending Ord. The City will hold public hearings on this issue. The Cottontown neighborhood supports limits on payday lending businesses, and will monitor this issue.
- Christmas Party There was a consensus among Board members present to hold the party on the first Sunday of December (6th) from 5-7 pm at Fire Station #7. Ms. Finethy volunteered to plan the party. Food will be provided 'potluck' by attendees. The Neighborhood will supply drinks from the treasury not to exceed \$50. Ms. Finethy asked if anyone knew of where to get a Santa chair and if anyone would take pictures. There was discussion of whether to charge for the pictures (w/Santa), and of different venues for the party. There was a consensus among the board that the Christmas party should

be open to all residents of the Cottontown neighborhood. Ms. Broadwater spoke of advantages and possibilities of holding the Christmas party at a venue other than Fire Station #7.

Christ Central/
Hope Plaza

Mr. McDuffie spoke about the complaints he and the City received about a recent outdoor event at this location. The City's position is that this entity is a church and as such it can do what it likes on the property. There was a proposal for Mr. McDuffie to send a letter to the City regarding the event to officially let them know that it was a nuisance to the neighborhood. Mr. Bouknight advised to word the letter similar to one that was sent in complaint about the Universoul Circus in the past. Ms. Finethy moved to approve the letter and the motion was seconded by Mr. Thrift. The letter was approved by the Board.

In Home Occupation/
Accessory Uses/
Advertisements

Mr. McDuffie advised the Board about the complaint of a business sign erected in the right-of-way at 2412 Sumter St. Mr. Bouknight informed the Board about zoning ordinances pertinent to this complaint. He advised Mr. McDuffie to contact the City Zoning Enforcement office to inform them of a possible infraction.

Coalition of
Downtown
Neighborhoods

Mr. Bouknight advised that the Board appoint two representatives to this Coalition. There was discussion of the members, purpose, and advantages of the Coalition. Mr. McDuffie advised that Ms. Cooper wishes to stay on as a representative. There was discussion of this and a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Bouknight. Ms. Cooper's status as a Cottontown representative was approved. Mr. Bouknight urged the Board to send another member to serve on the Coalition. After discussion, Ms. Finethy volunteered to serve if no one else does. Mr. Bouknight moved to accept Ms. Finethy as a representative, the motion was seconded by Ms. Lockwood and approved.

Cottontown Bank
Account

Ms. Finethy advised the board of Bank of America's change in terms and request that the account be converted from a personal account to a business account. Ms. Finethy has contacted SCB&T about setting up a personal account with terms more favorable to how the Cottontown account is maintained. There was a motion to change the account to SCB&T and it was seconded and approved.

- Website Update There was discussion about the official Cottontown website and its information to be updated. There was a consensus that Mr. McDuffie will see that Board Officers are updated, and that Mr. Thrift will see that meeting minutes are updated. There was discussion of, and a proposal to set up a Cottontown Facebook account. There was a motion for Mr. McDuffie to set up the Facebook account. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Post Office Box There was discussion about the PO Box set up in the past for Cottontown. Mr. Bouknight advised that he has been charged for the renewal fee for the PO Box. Ms. Finethy will get the key from former Secretary Rusty Sox. There was a consensus that the Board has a year to decide whether there is a need to renew this PO Box.
- Membership Campaign Ms. Finethy proposed using incentives to boost membership in the Cottontown Neighborhood Association. There was discussion among the Board of membership and discussion of possibilities for incentives. There was a consensus that the upcoming newsletter should include a membership application.
- Newsletter Mr. McDuffie will establish block coordinators from the list of current Board members to distribute the newsletter. Mr. Thrift proposed approaching the printing company of the newsletter to directly bill Cottontown Neighborhood Assoc. for the cost of producing the newsletter. Mr. McDuffie moved to accept this proposal and it was seconded and approved. Mr. Thrift asked the Board for input in the upcoming newsletter and advised that it needed to be printed and distributed about a week prior to the Christmas party on Dec. 6th.
- Adjourn Mr. McDuffie moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.