

Minutes
Cottontown Board of Directors
Tuesday, April 14, 2009

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| Members Present | Paul Bouknight, Ellen Cooper, Josh McDuffie, Mary Broadwater, Carol Finethy, Rusty Sox, Amy Herin, Doug Aylard |
| Absent | Tom Walters, Dennis Butt |
| Call to Order | President Paul Bouknight called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. |
| Dog Park | Mr. Bouknight introduced guest Rebecca Spradlin, who spoke with the board about a new dog park proposed for the field at River Drive and Anthony Avenue. The group of volunteers proposing the park is looking for the support of adjacent neighborhoods. There was discussion of the proposal. |
| Motion | Mr. McDuffie moved that the board express support for the dog park. Ms. Finethy seconded and the motion was approved. |
| Approval of Minutes | Ms. Broadwater moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 meeting. Mr. Aylard seconded and the minutes were approved. |
| Midlands Housing Alliance | <p>Mr. Bouknight reported that the “good neighbor” meetings that MHA was having with neighborhoods had apparently ceased. MHA has not yet responded to written questions submitted by the Coalition of Downtown Neighborhoods.</p> <p>Mr. Bouknight, as Cottontown’s representative on the MHA board, expressed concern about a code of ethics each MHA board member is required to sign. The code of ethics would prohibit him for sharing information about MHA outside the organization, and presents a conflict with his role as a neighborhood representative.</p> |
| Motion | Ms. Finethy moved that, if signing said code of ethics is a requirement of membership on the MHA board, Cottontown’s representative should not sign and Cottontown should no longer send a representative to the MHA board. Mr. McDuffie seconded. |
| Aylard Resignation | Mr. Aylard announced his resignation from the Cottontown board and departed the meeting. |
| Discussion | There was further discussion of the code of ethics and its implications. |

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| Vote | The motion was approved. |
| Christ Central Ministries | Ms. Cooper reported that CCM is apparently moving ahead with the renovation of a facility on Calhoun Street. |
| Historic Preservation | <p>Mr. Sox reported that a zoning public hearing for the architectural conservation district is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20.</p> <p>Cottontown will be one of several neighborhoods receiving the Preservation Leadership Award from the Historic Columbia Foundation.</p> <p>Cottontown is participating in the HCF's "Neighborhood History Blitz" campaign to collect images, memorabilia and oral history from historic neighborhoods. Robin Waites, president of the HCF, has agreed to come speak at the spring neighborhood meeting.</p> |
| Spring Meeting | There was discussion of the agenda for the spring neighborhood meeting to be held Sunday, May 3 at 3:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. |
| Expenditure | Mr. McDuffie moved to reimburse Sandi Billmeyer \$74.84 for the repair of the pump in the pineapple fountain. Ms. Finethy seconded and the motion was approved. |
| Nomination | Mr. Sox nominated Julie Seel from Marion Street to fill the unexpired term now vacant on the board. Ms. Finethy seconded and the nomination was approved, pending Ms. Seel's willingness to serve. |
| Adjourn | There was no other business. Mr. McDuffie moved to adjourn. Ms. Herin seconded and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. |