

Minutes  
Cottontown/Bellevue Historic District  
Fall Membership Meeting  
Sunday, October 18, 2009  
3:00 p.m.

- Call to Order                    President Paul Bouknight declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.
- Welcome and  
Introduction of  
Guests                            Mr. Bouknight introduced special invited guests – City Council Members Tameika Isaac Devine, Kirkman Finlay, and County Councilman Paul Livingston.
- Councilwoman  
Devine                              Ms. Devine reported that the city did not move forward with a historic overlay for the Bull Street property, but is looking at other ways of protecting the historic buildings there. City is negotiating with a potential buyer/developer on the preservation issue.
- City council has scheduled a public hearing on November 18, 2009 to discuss funding for continued redevelopment of the North Main Street corridor. A special tax district is one option.
- The city is now on Facebook and Twitter – additional opportunities for citizens to interact with city government.
- There were questions and discussion of recent unscheduled water service interruptions in the neighborhood and the issue of digital billboards on North Main Street.
- Councilman Finlay            Mr. Finlay stated his support of a joint fire service agreement between the city and county. He also commented that the city’s budget situation was improving.
- Councilman  
Livingston                        Mr. Livingston added his support for joint fire service and animal services. Richland County is exploring more options for long term funding of the regional transit system.
- Minutes                            The minutes of the May 3, 2009 membership meeting were presented. There was a motion to approve. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.
- Treasurer’s Report           Amy Herin gave a report of the association’s expenses and revenue for the year. There was a motion to approve. The motion was seconded and approved.

President's Report Mr. Bouknight welcomed Case Plants as a new business neighbor for Cottontown and encouraged everyone to shop there.

He thanked Ellen Cooper for coordinating the Cottontown Cookbook. Ms. Cooper said she could take recipes for just a few more days. The book should be ready for Christmas.

Mr. Bouknight thanked Dennis Butt and other neighborhood volunteers who worked on Cottontown's entry in the "Scarecrows in the Garden" contest at Historic Columbia Foundation. He encouraged everyone to go see it and vote for "Mayor Wally" in the people's choice category.

The proposed dog park on River Drive is still being planned. The city is working with the Dept. of Transportation to smooth out some details.

Councilman Davis Mr. Bouknight recognized City Councilman Sam Davis. He explained an ordinance being considered by city council that would prohibit 18-wheeler trucks from cutting through and parking overnight in neighborhoods.

Dept. of Juvenile Justice Mr. Bouknight introduced Beth DeHart from DJJ who asked for the neighborhood's support in collecting leftover Halloween candy to be used at the agency. They offer candy as incentive to reward good behavior and academic achievement by the youthful offenders in their care. Paul Bouknight's house will be the collection point for the neighborhood.

Elections As outgoing president, Mr. Bouknight thanked everyone for their support and work on behalf of the neighborhood for the last 4 years. He then presented the slate of nominations for officers and board members at large for 2009-2010:

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| President:      | Josh McDuffie   |
| Vice President: | Mary Broadwater |
| Secretary       | Will Thrift     |
| Treasurer       | Carol Finethy   |

Dennis Butt, Geoff Williams, Renee Johnson, Sabrina Walker, Anne Lockwood

Other Nominations There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Motion There was a motion to elect the slate by acclamation. The motion was seconded and approved.

Pres. McDuffie

Mr. Bouknight ceded the floor to President Josh McDuffie, who stated that one of his goals for the next year would be increasing participation by Cottontown residents in the neighborhood association.

Adjourn

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.