

Introduction Mr. Jamie Devine, a candidate for Richland I school board, was introduced (Cottontown is not represented by the seat for which he is running.)

Elections On behalf of the nominating committee, Ms. Ellen Cooper presented the recommended slate of officers for 2008-2009:

President – Paul Bouknight
Vice President – Josh McDuffie
Secretary – Rusty Sox
Treasurer – Amy Herin

All were elected by acclamation.

Ms. Cooper presented the recommended slate of board members for 2008-2009:

Doug Aylard, Mary Broadwater, Dennis Butt, Carol Finethy, and Tom Walters.

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Mr. Bouknight thanked Patrick Thiele for his service on the board during 2007-2008.

Historic Columbia Project

Mr. Bouknight reported that the Historic Columbia Foundation had selected Cottontown as one of several historic neighborhoods to participate in a project to document neighborhood history, develop walking tours, exhibits and other historical attractions.

Cookbook

Ms. Cooper is collecting recipes for a neighborhood cookbook fundraiser. She encouraged everyone to email or otherwise send her recipes for the book.

Public Meeting -
Historic District
Designation

The following portion of the neighborhood meeting served as an official public meeting regarding Historic District Designation for Cottontown. All property owners of record within the draft boundaries of the district received notification of the meeting and its subject via mailed postcards.

Rusty Sox, chair of the neighborhood's Historic Preservation Committee, explained the process and introduced LaToya Grate and Amy Moore of the city's planning department.

Ms. Grate presented a draft of design guidelines and a draft boundary map for a proposed Architectural Conservation District. She explained revisions to the map and guidelines which had been made since the last public meeting. These documents, if approved, would provide a basis for the city to review proposed new construction, exterior alterations and demolitions to structures within the district boundaries.

The following questions were raised:

Q: Do the guidelines apply to commercial properties?

A: The revised boundary map does include some commercial (C-1) properties. Commercial properties zoned C-3 have been excluded from the district.

Q: Is there an appeals process if a property owner does not agree with the DDRC's decision?

A: Yes. Owners of "non-contributing" properties may appeal to the DDRC. Owners of "contributing" properties may appeal to the circuit court.

Q: What steps remain in the process?

A: A vote by the neighborhood on the guidelines and boundaries; a vote of recommendation from the DDRC and the Planning Commission, a public hearing and a vote from City Council.

There was discussion about further communication with commercial property owners about the proposed district.

Consensus to Move
Forward

There was an expression of consensus by the property owners gathered to submit the draft guidelines and boundaries to the included property owners for a vote. The neighborhood association will provide additional information and notification to commercial property owners within the district prior to the vote.

Adjourn

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.