

College Hill Neighborhood Association

Minutes: Monday, May 16

Zoom

Attendees: Christi Steward, Sgt Lister, Zach Snethen, Andy Fry, Erin Snethen, Brett Martin, Megan Martin, Kristina Fry, Carol Christensen, John Christensen, Debbie Pomeroy, Duane Pomeroy, Debbie, Jasmine Puderbaugh

Neighborhood Safety Report

- Thefts down
- Aggravated assault and shoplifting are up
- Arson is up
- Package delivery thefts are up
- Lots of prowlers on theft and on foot - they are checking cars
- Carol asked about scams
- Christi thanked Sgt Lister
- There was a question about the parks and sleeping in the parks

Treasurers' Report

- Please see attached - made just short of \$2000 on Blossoms this year; Debbie moved; Jasmine second; motion carried

Minutes

- Minutes by Carol; question from Debbie about Duane making a motion; he was in attendance; Brett moved to approve the amended minutes; Zach second

Gazebo in Boswell Square Park

- Carol reviewed the bylaws; we need 50 households for a quorum; we will need a special meeting to vote;
- Zach shared; they bid several gazebos; ours is octagonal and the price is higher; they came in at \$46k rather than \$30k due to the market; ours came in higher; they are asking the neighborhood for \$20k as ours is not the standard gazebo that they install; it includes structure and concrete it will have power lights and a receptacle; there will be some college hill detail as well;
- John shared each family could contribute \$1,000 and if there were ten we could get \$10k; Zach shared that we can donate to the Parks and Rec Foundation;

- Andy shared that we are a 501(c)3 under CRC;
- Zach shared that we can donate to CHNA under CRC;
- Carol asked if there was a gazebo like ours in the city;
- Zach said there are some but not like ours;
- Carol asked if they were asking us for money because we have money;
- Zach shared that the costs are higher because we asked for something higher end than what they usually install at parks;
- Sue asked about the funds and wondered why we don't want to use them - what else are we waiting for - this seems like the ideal thing;
- Zach says that we haven't spent anything yet but the city has made improvements and with price increases;
- Sue wondered if a bigger shelter would attract outside people; she shared that Susan feels like we should spend no more than \$10k and look for matching grants; maybe go to Community Foundation; we are an easy target as a neighborhood with money and we should ask Bill Riphahn to help; Susan suggested that they help with the other priorities;
- John asked if someone would make reservations for the park;
- Debbie shared that we have the dollars for this - she agrees with Sue Bolley;
- Zach shared that we are under a timeline; these bids may increase with time; asking the Community Foundation will increase time;
- Brett shared that the dollars will not roll over per the county;
- John asked about the bylaws. Carol shared that we can use a simple majority. There were questions about how to vote; Brett shared that we need to decide who controls the pots of money and how they are to be used in the neighborhood; Sue shared that the Blossoms dollars are part of the general fund
- Christi shared that we should call a special meeting 5/23 at 7pm on zoom to vote on spending \$20k of CHNA money on the octagon gazebo from the general fund and Blossoms Fund. The Nautilus Club dollars are separate. Brett shared that they need to have their role outlined in the bylaws. Duane asked about in person voting; Debbie asked about in person and online. Brett offered a friendly amendment - in person voting at Westminster Presbyterian at 7pm and have electronic options as well. Jasmine moved; Sue Fackler seconded. Carol asked that our \$20k investment is still accurate. Zach will check with the county.
- Motion - Call a special voting session 5/23 at 7pm with in person and electronic voting options to spend \$20k of CHNA money on the octagon gazebo from the general fund and Blossoms fund. The vote was held; motion passed unanimously.

Officers

- Christi asked about officers. We need a President and Treasurer. Brett is also stepping down as Secretary. Carol shared that the bylaws call for a nominating committee. Debbie self nominated for treasurer. The bylaws call for one board member and four others. Jasmine expressed interest in being Secretary

Old Business

- 4th of July chair is Maria Carr. Erin and Christi will meet with her.

- National Night Out is August 8 - movie in the park; we will block off Jewell. It's free for NNO
- College Hill stones - there are three stones there; a meeting has not been held yet.
- Light Bulb distribution is still ongoing as time allows.
- Blossoms Report by Sue - goal is to get people together; Sara Meadows helped with flowers; Jackson's gives us 40% off; Skinners gave a gift certificate along with BStand, MJ's, Tortilla Jack's. We raised a couple of thousand dollars. Thanks to Sue for a great event.
- Neighborhood clean up - we had a successful event; Zach took metal items to be recycled; people did overload the bins thanks to Andy and Zach to taking out items along with Kat for helping.
- Recycling Drive - we had a great event; we had an usual source of recycling income; less than 1/10th of the neighborhood still participate; John collects cans throughout the neighborhood; Jasmine shared that they have several bags to be picked up; they will work out getting it to the Christensen's house. Carol shared her phone number in the chat. Thanks to the Christensen's for their work on this. The Alford-Shaw's shared a lot of metal.
- On the calendar: garage sale June 3-4; Cletus will lead it again; it's also Mulvane Art Fair weekend.

Thanks to everyone for their work in the neighborhood. Carol asked if we have want to have the bylaws ready by the September meeting. Christi said we will work on getting other members on the committee.

Christi adjourned the meeting at 8:19pm. Thanks to Christi for her work on this and getting the vote correct on this.