

THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED, YET.

RCA Meeting – April 14, 2009

Meeting chaired by Chip Edgar

Pres. Report: Do to the demands of work, Steve Aylward resigned. As VP, Chip will serve as acting president until the elections.

Treasurer: Denise Harlow –

- Balance \$130.07
- RCA nonprofit status reinstated as of April 2

Denise also presented a report from Neighborhood Liaison meeting

- Presented map of proposed and active road work
- In response to question about notification of renters by city - City notifies property owners and landlords, expecting landlords to share the info. City will contact renters if the RCA informs them of need.
- Found that City offers free web site to neighborhood organizations. Most aren't updated. Organizations simply need to send updates to the web master. The site is linked to the city homepage.

Secretary's report

- Minutes of March meeting accepted
- News – There are plans for part of Adult Ed (office skills) to be housed in Riverton School. Pod 5 will be closed off. This is supposed to be temporary, while the new Ocean Ave School is being built. Questions should be directed to school committee or city council.
- School experienced extensive graffiti vandalism. First time such a large area has been vandalized.

New Business

- **Gardens – Richard Bellafiore.** Several people has expressed interest in renting plots
- A shed has been donated. It needs to be moved looking for someone to donate use of flatbed tow truck
- Lawn company will help with sod removal and keep the sod also offered to help with tilling.
- Groundbreaking tentatively set for first week in May
- Irrigation committee has been formed.
- On the lookout for grants. Geoff Ganter is helping with this
- **Library – Ken Capron** – please add library to next agenda. The library is facing large budget cuts. This could result in cutting all branch hours by half.

- Web site report – Ken Capron Doesn't like city site because it can't be updated quickly. Our current site is free but tricky to update and hard to find.
- Ken would like to use "Meet Up" the cost is \$12 month. Proposes we have sponsors advertise. They could have a small logo and a link to their own site.
- Tom Fehrs suggested checking it out and having further discussion at next meeting
- Paul Conolly suggested putting it up for a month to test it.
- Questions followed about sponsors, how they will be solicited and how they would pay. Richard B. suggested a year in advance.
- More requests for review and questions about monitoring content of discussions.
- Claudia R. moved for a 2-month trial period.
- Motion passed 14 – 2

#### Nominating Committee

- Offered slate of 17 for Board. Further discussion will follow at next meeting and final slate will be then sent to full membership before final vote in June.

#### 1884 Forest Ave – Steve Aylward

- Developer, Tom Blackburn would like to present the development proposal to the RCA membership for feedback.
- Discussion ensued over the draft of a resolution final result – will be sent with addition of "these are our preliminary concerns."
- Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting May 12 Riverton School 6:30