

## **RPIA Board Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Ryan Place Improvement Association was held in Mitchell Hall at St. John's Episcopal Church on Monday evening, August 18, 2014, with President Terri West presiding and Mrs. Cindy Belknap as secretary. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:48 P.M.

Board Members in Attendance – Terri West, President; Trey Eason, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.; Lissa Lewis, Treasurer; Cindy Belknap, Secretary; Katie Shumate, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. St. Director; John Belknap, 8<sup>th</sup>/James/Stanley Ave. Alternate St. Director; Kurt Nielsen, Elizabeth Blvd. St. Director; Ruth Karbach, Ryan Place Dr. St. Director; Diane Zemkoski, S. Adams St. St. Director; Chris Gee, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Alternate St. Director; Donna Darnier, Elizabeth Blvd. Alternate St. Director; Chris Ebert, S. Adams St. Alternate St. Director.

Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place (CCRP) Report – President of CCRP Mrs. Anissa Allen informed the RPIA Board of the plans being developed for this year's CCRP home tour. Specifically CCRP is considering a champagne brunch/home tour celebration kick-off event the Saturday morning of the home tour for a nominal fee. All Ryan Place residents would be invited. Mrs. Allen asked if RPIA would be willing to support and help host such a celebration. At this time, no monetary support is being requested.

Director Chris Ebert moved that RPIA support CCRP's Saturday morning home tour celebration kick-off event; motion seconded by Director Kurt Nielsen; motion passed.

Secretary's Report – Secretary Belknap provided the minutes from the June 16, 2014 RPIA Special Board Meeting; the June 16, 2014 RPIA Board Meeting; and the July 8, 2014 RPIA Special Board Meeting. 19, 2014 Board Meeting. All were approved by consent.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Lissa Lewis provided the August 2014 MTD budget report which was approved by consent. Mrs. Lewis also provided a Street Recap of Contributions.

Nominating Committee – President West has appointed the following so far to serve on the nominating committee: Chris Gee (Chair; board member), Ruth Karbach (board member), and Tim Keith (at-large).

### Reports on Current Initiatives:

1. Street Repairs – President West informed the Board of her meeting with the City to discuss street construction which has been bid to two different contractors. Planned street work is September thru December. Under the Bond program, Lipscomb and Ryan Place Drive are being repaired. All streets being repaired are eligible for new sidewalks, but must have the majority of the owners on the street agree to the installation of a sidewalk for the street. Ryan Place Drive is the priority street for sidewalk installation. Elizabeth Blvd. curb repair is on the City's list for repair.  
Director John Belknap moved that we as a Board should encourage sidewalks be installed, with the goal of sidewalks being present throughout the whole neighborhood; motion seconded by Director Diane Zemkoski; motion passed.
2. Bylaws – Bylaw Committee Chair Cade Lovelace called attention to the fact that if the proposed revised bylaws for RPIA pass at the RPIA Special General Meeting being held on September 15, 2014, then the nominating committee must be effective immediately to solicit the board slate based on the revised bylaws. It was reiterated what it will take to pass the revised bylaws – a 2/3 vote of the Sustaining Members of RPIA.
3. Policies and Procedures – President West assigned Secretary Belknap to continue working on an RPIA Policies and Procedures document to be presented at the October RPIA board meeting. Director Donna Darnier volunteered to help with this document.
4. Events – President West thanked everyone for their participation on 4<sup>th</sup> of July. If a resident intends to participate in the Labor Day weekend garage sale, they must register for their own permit with the City. Boo on the Boulevard will be combined with a Monster Mash Dance and Chili Cook-off and will be held at Triangle Park with backup location at St. John's if there is inclement weather. Resident Mikki Clinnin is organizing the event along with Bob Plentl who will organize the music, including neighborhood musicians.

Academy 4 – Mmes. Joy Schwartz and Rebecca Brandt gave a presentation on Academy 4, a mentoring program held during the school year at Daggett and De Zavala Elementary schools in which every 4<sup>th</sup> grader is paired with a mentor. The goals of the program include building the students' self-confidence, esteem, and

## **RPIA Board Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2014**

leadership skills as well as increase the likelihood of graduating from high school. Academy 4 starts in September; mentor applications are needed by the beginning of September.

Next Meetings – The next RPIA meetings will be held as follows:

- 09/15/2014 6:30 P.M. – Regular Board Meeting
- 09/15/2014 7:00 P.M. – Special General Meeting (vote on bylaws)
- 10/20/2014 6:30 P.M. – Regular Board Meeting
- 10/20/2014 7:00 P.M. – General Meeting with presentations (TBD)

Other:

1. Adopt-A-Park – Director Kurt Nielsen informed the Board that the Adopt-A-Park agreement for Daggett Park has expired, and therefore RPIA cannot legally maintain the park until another agreement is signed. Mr. Nielsen will research the cost and design of an Adopt-A-Park sign. Director Katie Shumate motioned that we continue with an Adopt-A-Park agreement for Daggett Park; seconded by Director Zemkoski; motion passed.
2. Fundraiser Ideas – Mrs. Lin Parham suggested that RPIA could host a shred day as a fundraiser.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Belknap  
Secretary