

RPIA Board Meeting Minutes-April 20, 2015

The regular meeting of the Ryan Place Improvement Association was held in Mitchell Hall at St. John's Church on Monday evening, April 20, 2015, with President Cade Lovelace presiding and Patricia Polenz substituting as secretary. A quorum was established and President Lovelace called the meeting to order at 7:05 AM

Board members in attendance Cade Lovelace, President; Chris Gee, Vice President; Lisa Lewis, Treasurer; Ruth Karbach, Director of Membership; Spencer Thompson, Director of Communication; Donna Darner, Director of Historic Resource; Terri West, Director of Infrastructure, Brian Holland, Director of Activities; Patricia Polenz, College Avenue; Diane Zemkoski, South Adams; Anne Menninger, 5th Avenue; Kris Savage, Willing Avenue.

There was no NPO report

The minutes from the March 16, 2015 Board Meeting were approved

The minutes from the March 29, 2015 General Membership Meeting were approved as corrected

Vice President's Report

Chris Gee reported that 75% of the Block Captains are in place.

There is a plan for a May 30th Block Captain Event. Details TBD.

The May Meeting will include a complete report and discussion of the survey results.

Action Items will need to be determined from these results.

Chris reported that he has started a conversation with the Fort Worth School

Administration regarding the inclusion of the entire neighborhood into one school zone.

(Currently the section of Ryan Place South of West Bowie Street is not part of the Daggett Elementary School District) The final decision lies with FWISD Board.

Treasurer's Report

Lisa Lewis presented the March Financial Report, which was accepted.

Lisa shared that the March Budget Drive yielded 1/2 of our budget.

She reported as a cost savings measure, the water has been temporarily turned off and the meters pulled at the traffic circles. The cost will be \$20.00 per circle to have the meters re-installed.

Lisa reported that Lin and Randy Parham had agreed to sponsor the Fall Event.

She has been contacted by Zion Bank and asked if any one had knowledge of any RPIA history with this bank. She will research and follow up.

Lisa reported the 2014 Taxes are filed, however the 2013 Tax Report is under review by the IRS for a reporting error. She is working through the issue and is confident it will be resolved.

Activities Director Report

Brian Holland reported planning for the 4th of July is on track. The second annual soft ball game planned.

Communications Director Report

Spencer Thompson reported there is a new volunteer to help with web design and support, Royce_____. They are still in the 'idea phase' and are looking for direction from the neighborhood.

There was discussion about the importance of the News Letter to the neighborhood.

Kendall is in need of assistance, especially with solicitations of ads. The number of times the newsletter is published could be increased with more support/volunteer effort.

Historic Resource

Donna Darner reports she has a copy of the Elizabeth Blvd. Historic District Guidelines. She reports the City is working with Historic Districts to achieve greater compliance with established guidelines and to support Historic Preservation efforts.

Trey Eason brought to the board's attention that a group of neighborhood representatives is meeting in the near future with District 9 Council Representative, Ann Zadeh to discuss Historic Preservation efforts within our district. Donna Darner was nominated and approved as our representative.

Infrastructure Report

Terri West reported construction continues on sidewalks and street improvement. The 2600 block of 5th and 6th, Ryan Avenue, and Ryan Place Drive are under going projects.

Terri reported she is in the process of getting bids for the maintenance of the chicanes. This is an open bid process.

Terri reminded the board that leaves and grass clippings are NOT to be blown into the street by homeowners or yard crews.

Donna Darner, Chairman of the Elizabeth Blvd. Circle Committee, reports a drainage plan, developed with the support of internal and external experts, has been approved by the committee and accepted by the city. New safety measures will be implemented as well.

Membership Report

Ruth Karbach stated that six households have been visited since her last report. She noted there seem to be many single women purchasing homes in Ryan Place.

Approx. 92 people attended the March General meeting.

Ruth had on display a poster of historical newspaper clippings from the 1970's. She encouraged everyone to see it.

She plans to hold a brainstorming meeting with her committee to find innovative ideas to involve new residents.

The next General Membership Meeting will be May 18, 2015

Committee Reports:

Kris Savage, Directory Committee Chair, suggested a broader effort in garnering information for the directory. Currently, approx. 150 neighbors have participated. It was suggested that this would be a good topic/project for the block captains/Street Directors to tackle. Chris Gee will standardize a format and disburse to this group with instructions.

President's Report

Cade Lovelace recognized Joan Kline for her roll in the development of the Hemphill/Lamar connector. Joan was a guest of honor at the recent ground breaking ceremony.

President Lovelace reported The Adopt-a-park, EB circle, and chicane agreements with the City of Fort Worth are being reviewed and revised for the consideration of the board. Our current agreement with the City of Fort Worth has expired.

The Christmas Tour is now a project of RPIA. Anissa Allen is the 2015 Tour Chairman. The tour needs the support of the entire board to be successful.

The Long Range Plan is now in Executive Committee.
Meeting Adjourned