

**River Road Neighborhood Association
April 15, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Bill Sibley, Diane Briseño, Lea Brogan, Marcine Mushock, Christiane Esteinou, Matt Wallace, Michael Sullivan, Tammy Griswold, Richard Reed, Mimi Quintanilla
Not present: Paul Farrell
Time/Location: 7:00 PM @ Lion's Club Field House
Submitted by: M. Sullivan

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM. The minutes of the February 18 Regular Meeting and April 1 Annual Directors' Meeting were passed by acclamation (motion by Reed). The Annual Membership Meeting minutes were presented but must be approved at the next Annual Meeting.

Lea nominated Bill Sibley to serve as Vice Chair and the motion passed by acclamation.

Committees

Committee assignments were reviewed: M. Sullivan agreed to continue to handle the web site. M. Muchock and T. Griswold agreed to assist Sally Boothe-Meredith with the organization, article gathering, and distribution of the newsletter. Nell agreed to continue managing the neighborhood email blasts, and C. Esteinou offered to assist.

Neighborhood Affiliations

Neighborhood affiliation representatives were reviewed: Bob Buchanan has been the King's Court representative but has not indicated whether he is willing to continue. L. DeMartino agreed to be an additional representative. R. Reed will represent RRNA on the River Oversight Committee, with C. Esteinou as alternate (subsequently replaced by Mimi). Barbara Witte-Howell will represent RRNA on the SA Conservation Society. There is still no representative to the Midtown TIRZ committee.

Old Business

Community Garden: Reed proposed that we find a way to encourage more involvement with the community garden and he agreed to coordinate this effort. Sibley suggested a social event and Esteinou agreed to promote and help organize the event.

MOU with SARA: Barbara Witte-Howell met with the lawyer on April 15 and suggested the changes that came out of previous discussion, which included asking them to tone down / revise the section which appeared to indicate that the RRNA would unconditionally support SARA projects.

New Business

112 Lindell: Irby Hightower of Alamo Architects appeared with Asher Reilly of Reilly Brothers to detail their proposed demolition of 112 Lindell and construction of an 8-unit apartment building. The property is zoned MF33 (multi-family, 33 units per acre) although the approved 2006 River Road Plan Update has it marked as "Single Family Residential."

Neighborhood improvement project report: The list that was submitted included the Brackenridge park original plan, the sidewalk along Mulberry connecting with N. St. Mary's, implementing the event barricades on N. St. Mary's street called for in the 2000 traffic study and street maintenance for River Road, and the Acequia.

It was noted that Marie Gonzalez of Mistletoe has passed away. She was the original treasurer of the RRNA. Sibley moved that we send something on behalf of the RRNA for Marie and also for Smiley (former River Road mail carrier who is gravely ill). Seconded by Brogan.

Barbara Witte-Howell suggested a meeting with city staff to discuss zoning issues with regards to the Lindell property, and agreed to spearhead this effort. Griswold moved to appoint Barbara to set up the meeting. Seconded by Brogan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 after a motion by Brogan and second by Sibley.

Michael Sullivan,
Secretary