

Minutes of the February 23, 2016 West End Association Board

In Mark's absence Stan Hill called the meeting to order. The following were present:

Stan Hill

Clint Buss

David Elam

Elen Knott

Jo Ann Mount

John Merschel

George Bryan

Cathy McLaughlin

Dan McLaughlin

Minutes if the 1/26/16 meeting were distributed and approved.

The first order of business was the board elections. George Bryan who has been in training as assistant treasurer was nominated for treasurer (2016-17). Stan will continue as Vice President, but he was clear that he will not move up to president when Mark steps down. Other nominated board members: Frank Johnson (completed part of a resigned member's term previously) for 2016-17, John Merschel (2016-17), Kristen Haaf (2016-17). The floor was opened to other nominations. There were no other nominations so a vote for these positions was taken & were all approved unanimously. There remains one vacancy & possible candidates will be voted on at the March meeting.

Cathy McLaughlin gave the treasurer's report and distributed copies of the December 31, 2015, balance sheet. First, she brought a request for approval of up to \$200 for a bunny costume for the Easter celebration. Previously the costume was rented for \$75/usage, but the company has moved and it is farther to pick up & return. The board unanimously approved the expenditure. Cathy continued the treasurer's report noting that as of 1/29/16 the balance in the money market fund was \$21,088.88 and \$6,652.69 in the checking account. There was a \$3,724 loss for 2015 which was attributed to not enough business memberships as well as the ARTSFest loss.

The next order of business was the Holiday Home Tour. The tour is scheduled for the second Sunday in December, December 11. Several people were suggested for the committee: Clare Fader (who has volunteered), Sarah Creed, Jan Wharton, Susan Andrews, and Victoria were all mentioned as excellent possibilities. Cathy reported that there is no need for any city permits. There is a sense of urgency to get a chairperson and committee.

There was discussion of the possible development on 4th St., south of Business 40. Concerns were expressed about the number of apartment units and hotel rooms that are proposed and the great increase in traffic that this would create on 4th St. The developer will probably attend next month's board meeting.

The following HRC items were discussed:

1. The law firm's replacement of a slate roof with a synthetic material. We support following the guidelines and support the staff's recommendation.
2. The blue roof at 124 W. End Blvd. The general recommendation was that it must be painted to a less objectionable color.
3. Several after-the-fact requests at 118 Crafton Street. These requests were separated so that it would not be an all or nothing decision.

The board thanked Cathy for her four years of service as treasurer.

The web site upgrade will be discussed at the next meeting. And since ONLY Stan remembered his no conflict of interest form, the rest of us will need to catch up at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.