

Jefferson Park United Neighbors

General Membership Meeting

6:30 PM, Monday, Nov. 3, 2008

Riverside Baptist Church, rear chapel

W. 24th Avenue & Bryant Street

At 6:35 the meeting was called to order by Barbara Baker, Co-President.

Tim DePumpo, Co-President; and Kari-elin Mock, Vice President, were also present.

Tomorrow is the national Election Day, so the membership meeting was called for today.

Announcements:

No JPHUN (community happy hour) is scheduled for November 2008. However, the social committee is planning a Dec. 11 event: a holiday happy hour at Araujo's, W. 26th & Eliot. Have your picture taken with Santa!

The Land Use Committee will next meet on Thursday, Nov. 20 at Zocalo. On the agenda are: (1) the La Loma block owner is applying for rezoning to RMU-30; the plan is for residential mixed-use, like the nearby Allied project, (3) vacation of that part of Alcott St. from W. 27th Ave. to Speer. The last land use meeting was under-attended, said Rafael. The Allied Real Estate application is getting closer, is in the blueprint stage. Also, there's an alley vacation (or alley segment) at W. 20-21st Ave. behind Mike & Kim's place. (Mike was present.) Not much is known yet on this and clarification is needed.

Communications

Joe, our newsletter editor, said that more help would be nice. Ideas are welcome.

The need for Spanish translation was discussed.

Halloween Event Report

Kari, event coordinator, described the JPUN volunteers' efforts: Balloons were provided to designate safe trick-or-treat houses and crossing guards were eager to help along Clay St., though not a lot of foot traffic needed protecting, because many kids were chaperoned. The weather was great, and kids were behaving. Barbara said she had over 100 trick-or-treaters, many more than in previous years. Not late in the evening, either. Maybe the promotion in the newsletter helped bring people out and to the New Life in Christ Church party. The central neighborhood's 'safe' area was more populous this year. Katherine said she thought the balloons posting safe houses were a good idea.

Board Meeting

Barbara reported on the latest JPUN Board meeting on Nov. 1.

1. The main topic was fund raising. We have only enough for the end of the year and we really need some money. Developers' fees were discussed, among other ideas.
2. The Christmas event details (and recruiting Santa) were set for Araujo's on Dec. 11.
3. Ed Kieta on the business district at W. 25th & Eliot. Kari: funding issues with the city is delaying the money dispensing process but we'll persevere. Updates on the Tepper building and other properties in the business district indicate movement. There's a new chandelier shop too. David's new project still on track.

4. Election of new officers and board members. There will be many vacancies coming up on the board and officer roles, including co-president(s), vice-president, treasurer, secretary (Joan Bancroft is stepping into this role), and the chairs for the safety and environmental committees and possibly others. It's challenging to get new people involved. Lots of skills are appreciated and roles are flexible. Descriptions are on the website, said Kari. Terms are for one year. Elections are held in December at the membership meeting, and new members of the board take office by Jan. 1 of 2009. This coming year, Kim Collie will do a leadership training session for the new board and officers in January on a Saturday morning to be determined. Note: there are 6 board meetings per year, and 12 membership meetings.

New Business

There was general discussion about how to plan for next year. In the past, Jefferson Park Day has been the main community event of the year. The National Night Out in the park and the pre-DNC potluck were fun, successful events in 2008. Our calendar for 2009 is still in formation. Rafael brought up downsizing: are we too big and could we leave some positions vacant? Barbara: we already have fewer people than we were thinking of earlier this year. The practice of having co-presidents has worked well. The history of Jefferson Park should be publicized, suggested Rafael, perhaps in the newsletter, and also on the website, to show what we've accomplished in the last few years, and emphasizing that we need new blood. Kari, Barb and Tim thought that spotlighting specific local information and anecdotes would attract new residents. Joe said that breadth of knowledge certainly helps for an officer or board member. The JPUN Bylaws (now 10 years old) can be circulated. Rafael is going to compile our recent history. Website access is key, said Tom, and perhaps we could put that on the newsletter front page. Tim: consider a new resident "gift basket" with information, and invite possible donations.

"JPUN in retrospect" will be presented by Rafael at the next meeting. Kari mentioned more possible fundraising strategies, for instance, running concessions at Mile High or other events, but that's a big commitment and would probably require another committee. We need about \$4K/year, said Barbara. Lindsey knows a photographer and maybe we could ask for a donation of that service. Joan Bancroft asked about a minimal membership fee, but JPUN bylaws currently say no. Discussion: Voting at meetings could be contingent upon membership. HUNI asks for \$10/yr, which is reasonable. We could ask for social events donations at every JPUN event. Jerry's opinion is that you want people to come to the meetings without charge. This all can be discussed at future meetings. Joe thought a thermometer graphic on the newsletter would be effective to measure needed donations. Kari: this could show gradations designating allocations to insurance, newsletter, Jeff Park Day, and other budget items.

Report on the W. 23rd Ave. Bridge

Jerry Olson reported on future steps in the bridge improvement process. He hopes for curb cuts in next two weeks. Also needed are volunteers and granite fines for the pedestrian path. He'll try to meet with Invesco and other venues and see if we can get them to chip in, as we're facilitating public access. He'll be seeking advice on depth of

path, total length, and dollar amounts. Jerry will be working on this and will share information. Rafael and Lindsey have some contacts they will pursue. Granite fines can be had for \$30 ton or cheaper. The city isn't going to do this for us; but hopefully we can get it wholesale.

Please e-mail if anyone has ideas on this process, said Barbara.

District One Police Report

The usual Police Report was not given; police officers were called away due to some emergency.

Meeting adjourned 7:22.