

Armory Park Neighborhood Association
Monthly Board Meeting - Zoom
January 11th 2022, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Board Members Present: Maurice Roberts, Jean McLain, Janet Koller, Megan Noli, John Burr, David Bachman, Danielle Beaudry, Deborah Oslik,

Board Members Unavailable:

Guests: Ken Taylor, Norman Oslik, Liz Burden, Benjamin Johnson, Etoile Wichnevetzki, Karen Zimmerman, Martha McClements, Fred Ronstadt.

To-Do Items Identified from Meeting:

- Approve both Dec and Jan Treasurers' report at Feb meeting
- Alert APNA Board if any updates are obtained on the Peach Properties development proposal
- Membership Committee to order and purchase banners for advertising new JointIt platform

6:30pm Call to Order, Roll Call Introductions & Welcome of New Board Members

Minutes from December APNA Meeting:

Unavailable for review.

Treasurer's Report:

Per new Treasurer, Janet Knoll, learning process and may require amendment. Overall consensus is that it looks good. Process clarification that report goes to Board first, then out to all members, sent at the end of each month. Ken able to assist with tech-related issues for board group email. Will officially approve both the December and January reports.

Green Infrastructure Committee Update:

Deborah Oslik reported that the first pruning class held on Saturday was a success. 22 neighbors signed up, 13 participated in the 3-hour hands-on informational walking workshop. Certified Arborist Emma Stahlworth facilitated. A wait list has been started due to lots of interest for another class. Fees were on a sliding scale (\$5-\$35) and Green Infrastructure fund contributed \$55. May schedule around Brush & Bulky pickup in the future. David Bachman to send out email reminder of upcoming Brush & Bulky dates as well.

Membership Committee Update:

Liz Burden reported. Ken, David, Liz and Jean have final meeting tomorrow to finalize transition letters. Letters will go out by end of January. Mid-Feb starts new membership campaign. Committee is requesting funds for banners/signage that will be placed in strategic roundabouts starting in March. Per David, banners will be of high quality, reusable, and have general and short advertising for the new JointIt membership signup. Banners can be reused indefinitely.

Motion from the Committee to spend \$250 on permanent reusable banners to advertise membership opportunity for APNA. Motion passed unanimously.

Development Issues/ Peach Proposal:

John Burr reported there is no new updates on the 375 Peach Properties development project. Due to transitions of positions at the City, there is a large backlog and it may be several months before something

happens in the public sphere. Not sure, but the project could be put forth to Mayor and Council in February but not definite. Discussion proposed by Maurice to identify if Armory Park should have a clear and identified position on the proposed development and a strategy to break the plan up by location. John Burr stated that it may be premature for taking a position just yet as there will be a comments from the City but there is nothing more to comment on until the actual proposal is brought to the City. APNA can have a position different from those of other advisory boards, but without an actual application submitted and a plan, APNA is limited on providing response. General group consensus is that large buildings different from everything else in the area may not be appropriate. Marth McClements encouraged that APNA has a strategy, and offered that if the plan does go to Mayor and Council, it will be interesting to see if the plan is modified, and she will report if the APHZAB hears anything. Etoile questioned how the official APNA position will be determined. David responded that the APNA response/position should be inclusive, open and thorough as possible. David stated that the Advisory Board is lead and APNA is a backup to the Advisory Board, though Martha noted that she feels that APNA actually has more of a position than the Advisory Board. John Burr reiterated that without actual plans and finalized proposal, it is premature to attack an unknown entity. Group continued to discuss whether APNA needs to take a position now, or wait and see what the final plans look like when finally put forth. Liz Burden noted that we should have an internal discussion now for those interested in order to prepare a response. Topic will be an agenda item for upcoming Board Strategy Meeting on 1/22/22. John Burr will report if the project goes to Mayor and Council as quickly as possible, and noted that turnaround may be quick. Maurice highlighted concerns with Peach Properties website and inaccurate information being provided.

Strategy Meeting/Retreat Date:

Scheduled for 10am on January 22nd, 2022. Will be held via zoom.

8:00 pm Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: February 8th, 2022.