Bonnie Brae Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes from 7/12/2023

Location: Campus Lounge

Attendees: Cathy Kuo, Dave Anderson, Nancy Bell, Carol MacBride, Andrew Loyola, Bill Steitz, Anne Frederick, Robin Fillipzczak

April Meeting Minutes

Approved.

Review of Financials

Nancy reviewed the financial activity since April, small change in balance due to expenses and payment of dues. One of the expenses is the renewal of the PO Box, questions were raised about the need for a PO Box, and it was decided that the box will remain for another year, and we will reevaluate next year.

Membership & Welcome Committee

With the succession of Shannon, the welcome committee will be headed up by Carol. We will check with Shannon to see if she can provide lists for the Welcome packets periodically so we can assemble and deliver. Robin will look into another data base that we might use for new neighbors.

Communication Committee

No current email plan. Next one will mention the picnic. Discussion around non-static and static website information, Robin suggested we look at E Wash park website. Library will send any info they would like distributed with regards to events, programming, and speakers. Cathy will determine if info will be included on our email communications. If the Library would like something to be given priority, they will let Cathy know. Library to review what our website is linking to in order to see if that is what they want, and Cathy will add a tab for the Library to our website.

Discussion about Alley Art, included the uniqueness and popularity of our alley art, and what can be done to continue the promotion of alley art. Suggestions included trying to see if classes could be continued, a suggestion was made of a group called Recreativedenver.org. Could we point to classes, offer classes, or have a table at the Picnic. Other ideas included a competition with new alley art creations, a pub crawl, tours, unveiling parties.

Events committee

Food truck night

The food truck night was a great success. The estimate is that there were about 150+attendees, Dos Gringos truck was there, and the NA provided ice cream from BB ice cream, and our board members provided a setup with kids movies that were a big hit. The next food truck event should have 2 trucks to alleviate the long lines.

Annual Picnic

The annual picnic will take place this year on September 10th 11:30-2:30. Discussion took place around what we did differently for the annual picnic last year and what worked well. It was decided that largely the same things would be done this year, including the food, raffle, bike parade, music etc. We will add some items to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of Bonnie Brae neighborhood, and several ideas were raised including a cake, photos, plant a centennial tree, and involvement of local Historians. We will add a table for the Library, and they suggested they could bag some books for the raffle, and perhaps give away books perhaps children’s books. We will look into a balloon artist to attend the picnic. A large list of activities, prep, and day-of work was reviewed and most assigned to board members. It was suggested that we recruit via email for more help with the picnic.

Other business:

Zoning Appeal Ohm Way

This was approved by the city, no neighbors objected.

CBF Funding for RNO’s

Consider for Picnic and Centennial

Trademark

Bill raised the question of the BBNA registering as a Trademark. All board members felt that should be explored, and Bill agreed to do so.

Preserve Bonnie Brae

Several communications have been sent to the board regarding this initiative, for various reasons. Board agreed to respond with the fact that this is not affiliated with the BBNA.

Old Business

We still owe Paul K a prioritized list of what we would like the city to do to the park, as he said he would see what he could do.

Next Meeting

Should be held next October, a workable date will be explored following the annual picnic.

Meeting adjourned.