

Broadway Historic District Association Board Minutes March 19, 2015, Broadway Presbyterian Church

Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board members present: Laurie Belman, Barb Braun, Kyla Heddlesten, Lindsay Hocker, Javier Perez, Wendy Rowand, Joe Wilder.

Others present: Lt. Rusty Hocker (guest speaker); and residents Eric Belman, Anthony Heddlesten, Jason Koontz, Deb Kuntzi, Todd Linscott, Diane Oestreich, Dylan Parker, Janice Welch, Gene Zwiefel, and Jody Zwiefel

- I. **Report from Lt. Hocker** – Lt. Rusty Hocker with the Rock Island Police Department shared a report on calls for service in the Broadway neighborhood from June 19, 2014 to March 18, 2015. During that time period, there have been 160 documented incidents where a police report was taken. Domestic abuse calls for service was the most frequent type of call for service.

Lt. Hocker advised residents to continue calling if there is a problem. With noise complaints, he said it is possible for a city ordinance citation to be given out if the person complaining is willing to go to court to testify about the noise.

Joe Wilder voiced continued concerns about the 9th and 10th Avenue blocks of 22nd Street, and the need to get more activities for kids in the neighborhood. Deb Kuntzi noted the importance of reporting code violations to the inspections department. Laurie Belman suggested befriending neighborhood kids whenever possible.

Laurie offered to coordinate twice a week walks where neighbors can walk the neighborhood together. Diane Oestreich emphasized the importance of engaging neighbors while on those walks to build relationships. Javier Perez's Broadway block ambassadors idea was also mentioned – no action at this time.

Lt. Hocker volunteered to do a flag football program this summer for neighborhood kids. He is checking in with the Rock Island Parks and Recreation department to see if this is possible. Broadway Historic District would sponsor the team. Javier volunteered to help with the program.

- II. **Minutes** — February minutes approved: motion by Javier, seconded by Kyla.
- III. **Neighborhood Partners Restructuring** —Anthony Heddlesten, a Broadway representative for Neighborhood Partners, spoke about attempts to re-energize Neighborhood Partners. The organization is moving to having one representative per organization and neighborhood association, and two representatives from each ward (these representatives cannot live in a neighborhood with an association). Neighborhood Partners is planning on having new, more active committees where other citizens in addition to the representatives can be involved.
- IV. **Educational Signs**—Anthony presented a proposal to have one (or more) educational signs a year installed at Broadway properties. Aluminum ingot signs would cost \$2,750 to \$3,000 each. QR codes could be used to give people more information. Anthony and Kyla will look into grants for this project. These signs could help draw in tourists.
- V. **Storage Options** —Kyla reported Karpeles Manuscript Museum is trying to find storage space in their building for us. They are continuing to renovate their building, and may have space for us as renovations progress. She will remain in contact with the museum.
- VI. **Neighborhood Cleanup** —The cleanup will be Saturday, May 2, with Janice Welch organizing. There will be two pick up locations for bulky items: in the alley behind Deb Kuntzi's house, 842 20th Street, and on 22nd

Street near 13th Avenue. These items will be picked up on Monday. Janice will see if the street sweeper will come by shortly before May 2. Those participating in the cleanup can meet at 9 a.m. at Laurie and Eric Belman's garage, 908 20th Street. Keep Rock Island Beautiful is providing bags, gloves, and grabbers for the event.

VII. Broadway 50/50 Tree Program Form —Lindsay will complete the form for the next meeting, with Broadway only reimbursing a portion of the cost of trees deemed neighborhood-appropriate.

VIII. Spring Spay Day – Broadway Feral Friends —Lindsay reported about 16 cats currently scheduled for the event. One Broadway cat has already been spayed and vaccinated through the program earlier this year. Now that the weather is nicer, volunteers can start trapping again.

IX. Letter of Support – Steven Pressley and Former Garden Ridge Site — Steven Pressley of Wheelan-Pressley Funeral Home applied for a special use permit to operate a crematorium at 2106 7th Avenue. The board approved of Barb Braun writing a letter of support, with Laurie making the motion, Wendy seconding, and Javier abstaining.

X. Committee/Team Reports:

Wine Walk —Deb Kuntzi reported that one meeting was held already. Committee members are getting restaurants involved this year, so homeowners do not have to prepare food in addition to getting their homes ready. The committee is waiting to approach hosts until using restaurants is finalized so they can let the potential hosts know exactly what their responsibilities will be.

Welcome – Wendy passed out a report. This month, Wendy has delivered four welcome bags.

Marketing – The new website is coming along well, Lindsay reported, with Barb coordinating it. The website will go live in April. It will be responsive to mobile devices.

Broadway Feral Friends —See above report.

XI. Old Business —A postcard coordinated by Wendy announcing the city's new sidewalk program and encouraging residents to apply was sent out. All Broadway residents should have received it.

XII. New Business — National Geographic has a Geotourism MapGuides website in progress for the Mississippi River region. Attractions will be listed, and locations can submit photos and videos. Entities that want to be on the list have to submit information on their own. Diane is pursuing the creation a city-wide committee for this effort. Laurie and Javier expressed interest in helping. The important phone numbers magnets item on the agenda was tabled.

XIII. Correspondence —None.

XIV. Adjournment —Laurie made the motion, Kyla seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 16, 2015

Broadway Historic District is committed to preserving our architectural integrity, strengthening our sense of community, celebrating our history, and embracing the future.