

Broadway Historic District

Board Meeting 2/18/16

Minutes

Call to Order, Roll Call, Welcome Guests

President Anthony Heddlesten called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Present: Marsha Harmon, Anthony Heddlesten, Lindsay Hocker, Cathie Macdonald, Dylan Parker, Javier Perez, Megan Quinn, Wendy Rowand, and Jonas Wynn. **Absent:** N/A

Other attendees: Eric Belman, Laurie Belman, Jason Koontz, Todd Linscott, Hope McAtee, Steve McAtee, Molly McGuire, Tyler Pannell, Ann Ring

Guest: Rock Island Police Lt. Dan Knittle

Approval of January minutes

The motion was made to approve January minutes with the change of correcting Cathie's last name in them to Macdonald with a lowercase D by Dylan, and seconded by Wendy. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Marsha shared the treasurer's report: balance is \$7,578.67, up from the \$6,098.09 1/19/16 balance. Increase is due to Trivia. Of the balance, \$1,194.29 is in the Broadway Feral Friends fund.

Marsha shared that the state did not have record of us under Broadway Historic District, but did as Broadway Historic Area Association.

Our annual report was not filled last year, so our nonprofit status would have been dissolved if Marsha had not checked when she did. She submitted an application for re-instatement and an annual report, with herself listed as new treasurer.

Rock Island County Historic Society dues are due. Wendy made the motion to pay the \$50 membership renewal, with Javier seconding it. The motion passed.

Rock Island Preservation Society dues are due. Megan made the motion to pay the \$10 renewal fee, Dylan seconded it, and the motion was approved.

The board decided to formally change our name to Broadway Historic District. Jonas made the motion to change the name and pay any associated fee, with Dylan seconded it. The motion passed.

Marsha had to leave at this time.

Property Values

Resident Steve McAtee spoke about how he has seen home values decrease 15 to 20 percent in the 10 years he has lived in Broadway. He wants to see that turn around, and suggested forming a sub-committee on property values to explore the issue further and report back to the group.

Javier said using realtors that love old houses and champion them is key to increasing values, and also noted the importance of sharing knowledge on home upkeep. Part of the problem is what people think about the schools. Cathie said there is a negative perspective about Rock Island schools, but they are great.

Jonas volunteered to assist. Anthony suggested looking into problems and opportunities, and meeting before the March board meeting.

Farmers' Market

Resident Molly McGuire spoke about the Sunday Farmers' Market at Skeleton Key Art & Antiques, which is downtown close to Broadway. Last year, she casually invited Broadway residents to get involved with a booth there, and this year, she wants to formalize it as the Broadway Farmers' Market Co-Op. The money would go back to the people who made them, with a percentage possibly donated to Broadway.

Cathie made a motion to move forward with a Broadway Farmers' Market Co-Op Committee and to evaluate our participation in it. Megan second the motion, and it was approved. Molly noted she has heard from people wanting to sell at the booth already. It might be possible to use the church's kitchen to make baked goods (a certified kitchen needs used).

Broadway Tiller

Broadway bought a tiller a few years ago, and it is being stored at Deb and Paul's house. It is available for resident use. Dylan is going to work on rental and waiver forms.

Broadway Wards

Anthony mentioned the Broadway wards, asked each board member to pick one.

Police Guest

Rock Island Police Lt. Dan Knittle attended the meeting to answer questions. Laurie Belman said she has noticed more police cars in the neighborhood. Lt. Knittle said that he asks officers to drive through Broadway during their shifts. He encourages all residents to call 911 if you see something strange – calling non-emergency can result in too much lag time.

Cathie left the meeting at this time.

Hauberg

Anthony reported that Rock Island Preservation Society has submitted a Landmark application for Hauberg. Selling the building is on the agenda for the next city council meeting.

Next Meeting Date

Landmarks Illinois' strategic planning session in Rock Island is being held on March 17, our normal meeting date. Anthony suggested looking at adjusting the date so board members could attend both the event and the Broadway meeting. He will send a poll out.

Events

Triva Night went well, raising \$1,342 for Broadway. A report of expenses and income was shared. For Wine Walk, we still need host homes to come forward to make it possible. Anthony is still interested in getting weekly tours of Broadway organized.

Beautification

There is interest in Eagle Scout projects happening in Broadway. Many banners are down in the neighborhood – Anthony is storing banners in his garage, so please pick a banner up if you see one and get it to him.

Adjournment

Lindsay made the motion to adjourn, Jonas seconded, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Marketing

Dylan reported that the Facebook page has more than 700 likes now.

Submitted by Lindsay Hocker, Secretary.