

Broadway Historic District

Board Meeting 3/23/16

Minutes

Call to Order, Roll Call

Anthony Heddlesten called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Other attendees: David Howell, Hope McAtee, Steve McAtee, Kyle McCracken, Tyler Panell, Jan Welch, Jennifer Zimmerman

Guest speaker: Lt. Dan Knittle, of Rock Island Police Department

Approval of February minutes

Dylan made a motion to approve the February 2016 meeting minutes, with Javier seconding. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Marsha presented the treasurer's report, noting Broadway has a balance of \$7,578.67 with \$1,124.29 in the Broadway Feral Friends fund. Marsha said an articles of amendment was filed to formally adjust Broadway Historic District's name to Broadway Historic District Association. There was a \$25 fee. All board officers are now signers on Broadway's Blackhawk Bank & Trust account.

Memberships

Lindsay spoke about the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau membership, which needed renewed. Resources available includes training volunteers and having Broadway information at their locations, which Broadway is already being done. Javier made the motion to approve a \$200 membership fee, Megan seconded it, and the motion passed.

Tax exempt status

In 2013, Broadway was denied tax exempt status as a civic organization. Marsha offered to re-apply with different wording to see if that changes things. Jonas made a motion for Marsha to reapply for tax exempt status with the state and Dylan seconded. The motion passed.

Police guest

Lt. Dan Knittle said the March 10 shots fired incident is still being investigated. He encouraged residents to call if they see something suspicious happening, and noted you can call 911 directly because using non-emergency numbers can result in too much lag time. He shared some safety tips, including making sure your vehicle is locked, and talking to neighbors to work together to call in anything suspicious.

Beautification

Tyler Pannell discussed community gardens. Anthony said the garden on 20th Street wasn't successful due to water access issues, and being shady. Broadway Presbyterian Church has had success with it, and the board agreed it was OK for them to keep using it. Tyler said pollinator gardens are an alternative to look into, with grant funds available. Dylan suggests working with Rock Island Urban Gardeners as a partnership. Broadway-owned tiller is at Deb and Paul's, available to residents. Board discussed potentially donating or help fundraise for Rock Island Urban Gardeners.

Signage

Anthony wants Broadway to get an Adopt a Highway stretch of street through Keep Rock Island Beautiful.

Highland Park has 20th Street. Wayfinding signage to Broadway may be possible. Highway 92 signs are too costly to be possible. Anthony noted a designate kiosk could also be a good thing for the neighborhood, and Jonas would help build it.

Cleanup Event

The Broadway cleanup will be Saturday, May 14. People can meet at 820 20th Street at 8:30 a.m. Jan said there will be a big map of Broadway to assist with assigning people to areas. Some volunteers will help out at Hauberg.

By-laws

Marsha is suggesting changing our fiscal year to a calendar year, and is looking into why we have it the current way in our by-laws. She is willing to chair by-laws committee.

Property Values Committee

Several voiced wanting a crime prevention sub-committee. Javier volunteered to be on the sub-committee. Kylie also volunteered to help with it.

Preservation Committee

Anthony suggested a preservation committee. The Empens or Diane would be good people to ask.

Landmarks Illinois

Anthony reported the event was great, with lots of funding opportunities out there. He suggested looking into updating the Broadway plan. LandmarksIL.org is seeking members.

Wine Walk

No homes are secured yet; if they can't be found soon, the event will need cancelled.

Great Unveilings

Dylan offered to do a partial unveiling at his home.

Neighborhood fun night

Exploring going to the District Theatre on April 28.

Broadway Feral Friends

Most recent feral cat was spayed on Monday, with another group of cats in the 500 block of 23rd Street area to work on.

Adjournment

Javier made the motion to adjourn, Dylan seconded, and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by Lindsay Hocker, Secretary.