

Broadway Historic District

Board Meeting 4/21/16

Minutes

Call to Order, Roll Call

Dylan Parker called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

Other attendees: Officer Ryan Barnett of Rock Island Police Department

Police guest

Officer Barnett reported that one person from the March 10 shots fired incident was identified, but no shooters have been identified. It seems to be an isolated incident. They have surveillance video, but the quality is bad. No significant criminal activity to report in neighborhood from most recent report that shows all crime in an area: just two burglaries in a month.

Crime prevention discussion

Dylan shared an idea of a camera being mounted on a car and parked in problem spots as a Neighborhood Watch activity. He also mentioned the idea of Broadway helping offset cost of people installing security cameras. Lindsay noted the idea of the district purchasing cameras came up in the past, but the board decided not to move forward due to cost and needed to place them on homes, and instead shared info with residents.

Approval of March minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Marsha presented the treasurer's report, noting Broadway has a balance of \$7,587.67 with \$993.39 in the Broadway Feral Friends fund. An electronic e-postcard with the IRS has been filed.

Fiscal year

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. ???

Tax exempt status

In 2013, Broadway was denied tax exempt status as a civic organization. Marsha completed an application, and noted it takes 4-6 weeks to find out if it is accepted. If anyone wants to look at it, ask Marsha. Our Articles of Incorporation identify Broadway as a civic organization, and Marsha believes that is why we were denied tax exempt status. If denied again, Marsha advocates changing that wording before re-applying.

Income v. expenses

Marsha created a document sharing Broadway income versus expenses, and the percentage of expenses to income is high – 125%.

Crime survey

Dylan, Tia and Tyler Panell met recently about utilities/tools, but the meeting ended up resulting in a crime concerns discussion. Tyler wants to put together a survey relating to crime, where he will go door to door to see what the biggest concern is (lighting, noise). Cathie noted it would be a good time to share what the board is

doing and to use positive wording.

Tools library

Dylan discussed that Karpeles has unused space that might be able to be used as a tool library. Home repair tools, even scaffolding, could be stored there. Possibility a membership fee or rental fee. Lindsay noted to make sure there were no liability issues, and Marsha offered to check in with Broadway's insurance company on it. Dylan said this would couple well with education efforts on renovations.

NextDoor

Some neighbors are concerned about negativity on NextDoor. Lindsay said guidelines are on the site, and people must report anything they think is amiss, including people who move from the neighborhood. If it is reported, she and Dylan will get notified as leads for NextDoor. Lindsay offered to do a post on NextDoor explaining that and suggesting people share positives as well as negatives.

Faces of Broadway Campaign

Daryl Empen will be doing NextDoor and Facebook posts sharing why people decided to move to Broadway. Posts will feature pictures of the families and their homes. The goal is to have positive, encouraging posts showing our diversity and positive aspects of living in Broadway.

Neighborhood Outreach

Cathie suggested a Neighborhood Outreach Committee and said she would be willing to handle some complaints.

Events

In agenda, it was noted no Wine Walk in 2016. Marsha suggested looking into a pancake breakfast or neighborhood garage sale, or some other type of fundraising activity. Dylan said trivia was successful.

Neighborhood fun night

Legends Corner Grille will be location for monthly cash mob, date is Thursday.

At this point in the meeting, Cathie had to leave.

Signage

Dylan is in contact with Randy Tweet at the city about getting historic street names north of 9th Avenue (south of it didn't exist) which will require going to council. Wayfinding signs are still being explored.

Cleanup

April 14 is Broadway neighborhood clean up. Lindsay agreed to work with Stecker Graphics to have flyers printed, Dylan volunteered to make a flyer.

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

Marsha made the motion to adjourn, Lindsay seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Submitted by Lindsay Hocker, Secretary.