

RWNA Board Minutes – September 17, 2018

Attendee's – Cassie, Deb, Jim, Harry, Julie, Mike and Bill Moseley

1. Administrative (Cassie)

- a. Approved agenda
- b. Approved last meeting minutes
- c. Treasurer's report
 - Julie confirmed the submittal of Annual NA Compliance Form
 - Julie reported the amount budgeted for the next fiscal year (Jul 2018 to Jun 2019) is \$4,725.

2. NLA Update – (Cassie)

- a. NLA is going on a four-hour retreat to develop a strategy (9/26/18).
- b. NLA will be looking for themes for community-wide survey. The city wants to write the questions. Some members expressed concern that the city shouldn't have the final say in the questions for a survey the NLA/NA's forward to members.

3. Communications (Deb)

- a. Membership Drive Strategy- Deb spoke briefly about a possible door-to-door campaign. It seems critical to get the flyer right with "who we are" "Positions needed," and possible examples of specific tasks the board takes on.

Action item: Give Deb feedback on her handout. Don't wait until the next board meeting

- b. BNC Public Notification Committee status – The committee meets again on 9/18/18. The work is about 90% done. [We did meet on Tuesday. There was a good discussion on the issues and the formatting of the presentation. Some work remains before the committee is ready to present to the NLA].
- c. Columbia curb striping update – The city has finally completed the striping. There was a lengthy explanation by Deb of the recent events which included; 1) incorrect striping, 2) threats of charges by the police for striping by individuals other than the city employees or contractor, and 3) a claim by the police that the first striping on one side only was a test by the city—not the result of a request by citizens or a mistake. The staff may have not been 100% truthful in their presentation at a previous board meeting. The board should be watching for any action by the city to change the "function" of Columbia from a "local street" to a "collector street."

- d. Fall meeting including election of board - Cassie is trying to secure the use of the local school for November 15th.
 - **Action item: Provide Cassie with ideas for an agenda for this annual meeting.**
- e. Notice for interest in transportation committee –
 - **Action item: Mike will edit the first invitation notice.**
- f. STR Hotline and Website – A brief discussion on the concern by some individuals that some applicants are able to use a type I application for approval of STR's by falsifying information. Comments would be made suggesting the city has no interest in enforcing the operation regulations. The subject of STR will be discussed again soon and warrant a "special project" subcommittee to explore what can be done. Mike noted he found a page on the city website which identifies every application for every month for the last two years. The highest number of applications is for STR's.

4. Land Use

- a. Active Applications Status - Julie mentioned two applications; a site plan in the vacation homes proposed as part of the River's Edge project next to the river and a vacation of the historical district designation for the property at the corner of Hill and Hawthorne.
- b. Rollover Grant Program – After some discussion on the needed update of the RWNA website, there was a consensus reached to apply for a rollover grant to update the website and facebook.
 - Action item – [can't recall if anyone volunteered for this] needs to find someone who can update the site and find out the cost. Julie will be preparing to submit for a grant for this task.
- c. Map Adjustment Project – This item was removed from the agenda because the city will soon complete this task.

5. Transportation

- a. Funding Working Group – Next meeting is 9/20/18
- b. CTAC – no new info
- c. "Existing Conditions and Needs" report dated July 25, 2018 – FYI only
- d. Transportation committee's three driving factors
 - Neighborhood Safety Program
 - Public Works Curb Striping Program
 - ABNA traffic calming effort
 - Transportation System Plan

Action item: As state above 3e, Mike will edit the invitation. The board noted there was other NA's taking up some of these items. When and if this committee is formed, some attention should be given to finding out what the other NA's are up to. For example, MVNA is supporting the "Please slow down, it's our town" campaign.

- e. Newly activated Downtown Advisory Parking Committee
 - Mike met with Carolynn and Drew last week. He received no commitment from the city on placing a RWNA person on the committee. Mike found that there was general agreement on many of the critical elements of the downtown parking district management, he found that staff seemed bogged down with trying to pursue multiple strategies to appease multiple players (Council, City Manager, alternative mode advocates, employers.....) This multiple strategy "strategy" often leads to very slow (or no real) progress on "getting the right parker to the right space."
 - Sept 5 work session topic: improvements on downtown capacity and city employee parking (Moseley).....FORGOT TO ASK BILL ABOUT THIS ITEM ON A PAST CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION.
- f. Upcoming events - FYI
 - September 10th form sponsored by Boyd Acres Neighborhood
 - Tower Theatre speaker on Sept 26th

6. Planning Commission, City Council, and Parks & Recreation Updates

- a. Galveston Roundabout resurrection discussion at last council meeting-

After a discussion, the board voted to not support the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Galveston and Harmon.

Action item: Mike will draft a response to the city manager on this issue ASAP.

- b. Election forums- No discussion on this topic.