

# Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance

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## Meeting Minutes

**November 15, 2004**

**7:00 PM – Fairmount Park Boathouse**

1. **Opening.** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Keith Alex. Secretary Laura was not present, audio minutes were recorded. (Due to audio quality capabilities, some comments are inaudible). Keith commented that there are still repeated fatal errors in the e-mail transmittal of the forwarded minutes, agendas and requested that addresses are clearly marked on the sign in sheet. Self-introductions followed.

2. **Approval of Minutes.** The minutes from the October 18, 2004 meeting were approved with the following changes: Take out the word “taking” in the last sentence of the code compliance report.

3. **Comments from Councilman Betro:**

**Neighborhoods that work:** Council Betro announced that 3 groups are nominated for the “Neighborhoods that Work” Awards. They are; D.A.N.A., Friends of Fairmount Park and Heritage Square. **Fox Theatre:** Redevelopment Agency discussions concerning imminent domain are taking place at City Council Chambers at 2:00 PM. on Tuesday November 16<sup>th</sup>. Due to the uniqueness of the structure, subsequent appraisal, overall value to the downtown and local art communities, the general consensus is that the current owner has been dealt with fairly. Estimates to refurbish the theatre are estimated from 7 to 17 million. **Market at Mission Inn:** 4 proposals are currently under review for the redevelopment of the 4 block area bordered by; Fairmount to Main, Mission Inn to 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Aside from the refurbishment of the Fox Theatre, the project is expected to include a large amount of for sale or rent residential, entertainment, commercial and retail development. **Homeless Shelter:** As a result of the backlash from the local business owners in proximity to the proposed new homeless shelter, Council Betro announced that the armory would continue to be used this winter as the primary cold weather shelter. Meetings with the surrounding business owners of the proposed site are continuing. Dom shared that the City is also looking at alternative locations. **Way Finding Program:** Labeled as a budgetary item, Dom gave his support for the Way finding, signage program to be discussed at City Council. **BB&K:** Dom announce that the new BB& K building is not going to happen and acknowledged that consideration to historic preservation as well as the overall downtown plan deserves equal consideration. Future Development of the downtown area needs to be looked at as a total master plan versus a project by project development. **Automated Trash Pickup:** Due to alley widths and other constraints, approximately 600 of the 2000 new residents set to go on-line with the expanded automated color coded trash/recyclable pick up service may not be converted. Meeting scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, Central middle school. Concern was expressed about the visual blight of leaving cans out. **Trees:** As tree trimming makes up a large part of the calls

into the City, Dom suggested that a conscientious effort be given to being proactive to street tree concerns including trimming, cracked sidewalks, etc. Drainage: Dave McNiel expressed concern over recent ADA street improvements that impeded drainage at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> and Pine.

4. **Riverside Police Department:** Nancy Castillo reported there is no news to report on, but reiterated the use of the Riverside Emergency # 787-7991

5. **Treasurers Report:** Treasurers report was distributed. A reminder was given that dues for the New Year are due at the January meeting.

6. **Development Report:** David St Pierre reported that the citizens review committee is reviewing the Almond –Main / Mission Inn- 5<sup>th</sup> street project.

7. **New News: P.O.P. Team:** Keith Alex Reminded the group that D.A.N.A. was presenting a proclamation from the Mayor commending Bob Williams, Nancy Castillo and the P.O.P. team for the work that the team has accomplished in the last year. All are urged to attend.

**Neighborhoods that Work:** Award presentation is at Cal Baptist University, Saturday at 10:00 AM. **December Meeting:** It was reminded that the December meeting is a group potluck. Eva is heading the organization committee. All family and friend are welcome. Keith welcomed all to join the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Carolers for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Caroling of the surrounding neighborhood.

8. **Elections:** The Annual elections were organized and performed by the election committee. Ballots were distributed and the results were tabulated as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> Chair:** Keith Alex, Incumbent ran unopposed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Chair:** Norm Gritton, Incumbent ran unopposed

**3<sup>rd</sup> Chair:** David St. Pierre, Incumbent ran unopposed

**Treasurer:** James Youden, Incumbent ran unopposed

**Secretary:** Laura Golan removed herself from consideration, Chani Beeman elected over Becky Whatley,

9. **Adjournment.** Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 17, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the Fairmount Park Boathouse.