

Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance

Meeting Minutes

Izaak Walton Club, Fairmount Park
Monday August 21, 2006, 7:00 – 8:30 PM.
Izaak Walton Club / Fairmount Park

1. Attendees (per sign-in sheet): Dan Hantman, Keith Alex, Chani Beeman, Rob Robinson, Randi Blackman, David St. Pierre, Heather Troxel, Ron Kushner, Stan Shannon, Nickie Shanon, Jerry Crouch, Bonnie Reynolds, Robbie Kennedy, Norm Gritton, Nancy Castillo, Dorette Peterson, April Glatzel, Susanne Cesari, Angleo Cesaryi, Pete Kallinger, Nancy Cox, Bettina Brotzen, Vera Stamenkovic, Nicki Sands, Laurie DeFrances, Molly Dougherty, Jim Talcott.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes July 17, 2006

✓ **Motion to approved Minutes as submitted**

M/S/C: Hantman/Brotzen/Carried

3. Riverside Police Department – Nancy Castillo

- The Group Home Task Force update will be tabled to the September meeting, since Bob Williams was unavailable for this meeting. Lt. Williams is now heading up the task force and Capt. Boyer is now over the North NPC, which is good for DANA as we have very good relationships with both these individuals. Chani mentioned that if anyone has a problem property to report they can write the address down and she will include it on the DANA list that is submitted to the task force for attention. We will try to establish a regular report back loop for the group.
- National Night Out was very successful, especially in the North area.
- Nancy is now located in the Orange St. station. Her office is directly across from the North area detectives, so it's good for communication. Her new contact number is: 826-5674.
- There was a murder in the area of 11th St. and Locust. There not much public information about the situation, other than neighbors reported suspicious activity and the disappearance of their neighbor. A suspect was in custody and that person knew the victim.
- Nancy will contact Nancy Larson about scheduling a Community walk in the area of 10th-13th sometime in mid September.
- Crossing guards are at full staff, so all designated areas should have a crossing guard.
- It is illegal for people to go through trash cans. If that is happening in your neighborhood, you can call the non-emergency number: 787-7911 to report. Response will depend on how busy things are at the time. Also, this number is the one to program into cell phones, otherwise 911 calls from cell phones go to the CHP.

4. Planning & Development / David St. Pierre

- The city is changing how festivals will be done downtown. Currently, there are about 28-30 annual festivals held in downtown per year. City staff have recommended moving all but about 13 to more appropriate locations (i.e. Citrus Heritage Park, Fairmount Park, etc.) and they would like to whittle that list down even further. There are considering a farmers' market on Saturday morning for produce, nuts, etc. only. They would like to make the "Festival of Lights" the city's signature event with activities scheduled every night during the time the lights at the Mission Inn are on display.
- There is a plan to open 9th St. at the Main St. mall that is under serious consideration. The opening would not affect the MLK statue, but will require moving the band stand. The purpose for opening the street would be to improve access and use of the parking structures. The street would be imprinted cobblestone as it crosses the mall.
- A proposal is coming together to build a 250,000 sq ft. office building at 9th and Orange St. Might see something in the next couple of months.

5. Treasurers Report / Heather Troxel

- Current balance is: \$1,322.00
- Does not include \$13.50 held out as change for bake sales
- Raised \$108.50 at recent Bake Sales
- Still holding out \$250 for roses, Jackson and Perkins has not been responsive.

6. Bylaw Review Subcommittee Recommendations

- Changes to bylaws are designed to address specific concerns raised about elections. Group needs to decide if it's necessary to review all bylaws.
- ✓ **Motion to accept recommendations as submitted.**
M/S: Hantman/Kallinger

Discussion: Should the bylaws establish a written ballot procedure? Should the Nominations Committee be responsible for verifying eligibility of nominees?

- ✓ **Friendly Amendment to include language that Nominations Committee will be responsible for verifying eligibility of nominees.**
Accepted by Hanman
- ✓ **Motion to accept recommendation as submitted with the following language for paragraph 3 of article 4.03: "The Nomination Committee will present a slate of nominations at the October meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the October meeting. The Nomination Committee will check the eligibility of all nominees."**

Carried.

A second reading of this amendment will take place at the September meeting and only discussed and re voted if concerns or objections are raised. If there is no discussion the vote stands.

7. New / Old Issues / Open Issues / Subcommittee Update

- At the July meeting Dom suggested that DANA solicit ideas for projects in the area that can be paid for with some DANA funds and matching funds from the city. Keith suggested that anyone with ideas put them in writing to him via email and he will compile the list for next meeting.
- We still have \$100 for seeds to be planted in November. Stover Seed Company might be interested in making a donation. That will be looked into and reported next month.
- There is a Mariachi festival at Fairmount Park on September 16th. DANA will have an information table and Bake Sale.
- Is anyone interested in getting a DANA team together for the Mission Inn Run on November 12th? If so, please contact Keith. There are non-running groups in the event.

8. Update on Evergreen Quarter Traffic Calming plans – David St. Pierre

- Based on the results of the DANA information and discussion meeting, Steve has developed a plan that will go to the September 6th meeting of the Parking, Traffic and Streets Commission at 6:30. The plan includes:
 - Create a “Traffic Circle” (in the form of a teardrop) at Redwood and University Ave.
 - Left lane of traffic would flow to University Ave. from Redwood and not have to enter the traffic circle or stop.
 - The Right lane that continues onto Redwood would enter the traffic circle, slow down before continuing on Redwood.
 - Redwood would be a one-lane, one-way street with parking and a bike lane from University Ave to 14th St .
 - This plan would not require any additional stop signs and would not change access from the West side of University Ave. or Afron St..
 - Create a “Right-turn Only” lane on Pine St. at Tequesquite Ave.
 - The Left lane would be able to proceed on Pine St. but would need to “jog” through a narrowing “bulb.”
 - Pine St. would be a one-way, one-lane street from Tequesquite to University Ave.
- This work could be done with little expense, if the traffic circle was only striped rather than constructed with curbs and landscaping.
- If the cost is lower than \$50,000 it can be approved by the City Manager without council approval.
- DANA may want to offer to assist with labor or funds for planning if the traffic circle is more than striping.

9. Update from Councilman Dom Betro

- Fairmount Task Force has had several successful meetings. Many good, wide-ranging ideas have been developed. The list is being reduced and prioritized as the last task of the group.
- The City Manager is planning to include a \$20 million budget in his Infrastructure Improvement Plan that he will present to council in September.

- DANA should be very proud of the work it did around the traffic calming plan for Evergreen Quarter. It's a great model for how community members can constructively engage the city to get what it wants and needs.
- Just met with homeowners on the bluffs above the Tequesquite Arroyo and they are very concerned about the land swaps that are being proposed to try and get land, already owned by the city, into the right departments so it can be developed in the most appropriate ways. It's important to note that nothing has been firmly decided, but all efforts will be made to assure the community is kept involved in the planning. Community skepticism is understandable given how previous plans were often undertaken without much community involvement, but hopefully there is a new track record that demonstrates a willingness and ability to work with the community on these plans.
- The determination of what to do with the Tequesquite Arroyo will create a domino effect that will allow for improvements along the river, in the front of Fairmount park and the Pine Center shopping center.

**10. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2006
7:00 PM. Izaak Walton Club, Fairmount Park**

11. Adjourned at 8:40PM

Respectfully submitted,

Chani Beeman, DANA Secretary