

# Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance

## Meeting Minutes

Izaak Walton Club / Fairmount Park  
Monday June 19, 2006, 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

Attendees (per sign-in sheet): Chani Beeman, Randy Blackman, David St. Pierre, Vicki ?, Dan Hantman, Lorri Coles, David Lucas, Pete Kallinger, Lindsey Abercrombie, Walter Reis, Ron Kushner, Jerry Crouch, Dick Wing, Rod Waltz, Robbie Kennedy, Nancy Castillo, Jack Larsen, Damon Castillo, Angelo Cesarz, Susanna Cesarz, Yvonne Wood, Paul Vandoreen, Mary Vandoreen, Norm Gritton, Keith Alex, David St. Pierre, Molly Dougherty.

### **1. Meeting called to order by DANA Chairman Keith Alex at 7:05 p.m.**

Welcome and introductions

### **2. Approval of Meeting minutes May 15, 2006**

✓ **Motion to approved Minutes as submitted**

M/S/V: Hantman/Castillo/Carried

### **3. Downtown Development Overview by Joyce Power, Riverside Development Department**

### **4. Update on Fairmount Park Improvements by Ralph Nunez Parks Director**

- New picnic structures will be installed around the park
- The gazebo is being replaced by a steel replica of the previous structure, that should be finished in the 30-60 days
- About 2.2 million dollars has been set aside to dredge the lakes and to make improvements that will enhance the lake's health. The lakes were last dredged in 1984 and it was very costly. The problem is primarily silt build up. A dredge boat will be purchased to maintain the work that's done with the dredging
- The Fishing Derby was a great success, it was sponsored by Kiwanas and The Land Conservancy
- The Riverside Philharmonic will be performing in the park on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, there will be fireworks over the lake
- There will be a Thursday night concerts in the Park program
- PRCS is partnering with the Commission on Disability to develop a Universal Playground
- There is consideration of expanding the golf course to 18 hole executive course, rather than making sports fields. Ideas are being discussed by the Fairmount Park Task Force and other neighborhood groups.

### **5. Report from Councilman Betro**

- The Fairmount Park Task Force will have its first meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Boathouse. Primary goal for the meeting is to develop a vision for the park.

- \$4 million has been set aside to improve Fairmount Park. The city is undertaking park improvements around the city, both Reid and Hunter parks are getting upgrades that were approved in the 1980s.
- City improvements are focused on improving the city's infrastructure, such as parks. There's lots of ground to make up, but you should be seeing results
- Encouraged residents to report problems. There is no staff shortage, just a need for improved communication. Don't be afraid to call and report problems, if people are breaking rules the city needs to know about it. Residents are the eyes and ears the city needs to know what's going on in neighborhoods
- We're seeing an increase in park usage because people are seeing the improvements
- There are discussions to open the Main St. Mall at 9<sup>th</sup> St. to improve access to the Orange St. parking structure. There are also discussions about opening the other end of the mall, too.

#### **6. Riverside Police Department Report by Nancy Castillo**

- Problems at the Su Casa Apartments are being addressed by the Crime-Free Multifamily housing staff. Please continue to report problems.
- There will be a community walk on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30. Meet at White Park. Code Enforcement officers will participate in the walk.
- National Night Out is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 6-9PM. Hopefully DANA and other downtown neighborhood groups will participate. Please email Nancy and let her know if you want to organize something.
- Nancy will be moving to the Orange St. station and will send out her new contact info once the move occurs.

#### **7. Treasurers Report by Heather Troxel**

- Current balance is: \$1030

#### **8. DANA Logo for Water Sales by Keith Alex**

- Keith presented several examples for potential DANA logo to be included on water bottles that can be sold at community events, put on T-shirts and flyers.
  - ✓ **Motion to approved logo #1 but include a Raincross symbol**  
M/S/V: Wing/St. Pierre/carried

#### **9. DANA Bylaw Changes by Chani Beeman**

Tabled to future meeting

#### **10. New / Old Issues / Open Issues / Subcommittee Update**

- **Rose Donation to Fairmount park** – met with the grounds keeper – 27 roses needed plus an additional 14 near the gazebo. The roses cost is \$5-\$10 per bush. We can place a plaque near them to indicate they were donated by DANA.
  - ✓ **Motion: To give \$250.00 to the Fairmount Rose Contribution**  
M/S/V: Troxel/D.Wing /Carried

Pete recommended we get in touch with Jackson Perkins to get some donated.  
Letter from Armstrong nursery – they sold the city roses 20yrs ago for \$2.00 ea

- **Evergreen Quarter Traffic Calming meeting scheduled for July 13, 2006, 7 pm, Council Chambers**
- Look at schedule of events in downtown area and at next meeting decide which events to have a booth

**11. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2006  
7:00 PM. Izaak Walton Club, Fairmount Park**

**12. Adjourned at 8:45PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Chani Beeman, DANA Secretary**