

Beaumont Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting Minutes, March 1, 2018

Marilyn Kimple opened the meeting, in the absence of Joe Kowal, who has been ill. Comments about the new meeting location at New Testament: safe, comfortable, accessible, parking available. New signs and a sandwich-board sign for meeting nights. The meeting is schedule for the first Thursday of every month.

Announcements

- Membership form for new and renewal memberships are available (due now); also copies of the newsletter and the historic guidelines brochure from the city.

Introductions

in addition to Officer Hardy, guests included Martin Livingston (Neighborhood Services) and Max Hyde, our new city council representative, attended. Also Melissa Strele, who is working on a planning project at Clemson. Total attendance was 11.

Officer's Report

- Unable to get the calls for service, however Marilyn has not missed the reports
- 4 incidents, an intimidation, breaking and entering on Camp Street and a Play Station was stolen, narcotics violation, Adams Park narcotics violation, DUI on Gentry Street
- If something looks suspicious you have to call 911. You don't have to give your name, just say this is neighborhood watch. The neighborhood watch term can be used
- Make sure to lock your car, not to leave things in your car overnight

Treasurer's Report (Virginia Painter)

- Annual total of expenses is 1,800 dollars, which goes to newsletters, banner, etc. Income is only estimated at 1260, from individual memberships, household memberships. If you haven't paid your 2018 membership, please pay it!

VP Report (Marilyn Kimple)

- The Association needs someone to help with membership, which is currently being covered by Marilyn and Virginia Painter, who have limited time (Virginia works and is out of town). The person or team would process memberships, get information from neighbors, talk up the Association, and help maintain our database.
- It would be helpful to have a sergeant in arms to help with meetings: – to put the signs out, arrange meeting place if needed, greet people at the meetings.
- Watch the Newsletter, for latest on historic guidelines. The plan was for Jack Gowan was to see how the BVA and work with the city on this. work is going to be working on this. Start with the Clemson proposal; see how the association can

work with. (new literature, more education; do guidelines need to be revised? What about affordability?) Natalia Rosario had set a meeting and Marilyn requested that Jack Gowan be included. Substitute materials recommended when the guidelines were passed?

- Traffic calming. Recommendation is that four way stop signs be installed. These signs would not be expensive. Stop signs are only 50 dollars

Report: Martin Livingston (City Neighborhood Services) requested time to update us on the City's plans for Beaumont.

Clemson Study – Students worked on three areas, West Main Street, Beaumont, Converse, [one additional area]

- Recommendations include street signs
- Wants to put signs on historic signs on the interior, can pay for it with CDBG funds. Marker to be placed
- Stop signs. Traffic engineering department, is going to look at the entire city, speed humps, stop signs, traffic circle
- 117 Phifer Drive: the city wants to do a tour and an education around the house; basis for a video; the city to use Matthew Johnson's production company.
- 400 Kingston Street to be scheduled for demolition

Additional discussion

- the city's timeline: video to be finished by the end of April. Traffic calming and signs by the end of the summer. Guidelines revision/education to be over the long-term 2-3 years.
- March 24th tentative date for Phifer Open House [rescheduled for April 14th. Realtor to send out postcards, city reps to answer questions, BVA to help with refreshments, etc.]
- It was pointed out by Marilyn that we have committed to meet for one hour from 6:30-7:30 and some issues will require more time (task force meeting and then reporting at the monthly meeting?), although time is available before and after the meeting for informal discussion.
- Although Jennifer Masters was not available to report on additional activities being planned, Matthew Johnson has been in touch with Jennifer. One possibility is a Back to School Bash promotion for college students in August.

Next Meeting will be be April 5th

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Graves Kimple, with thanks to Melissa Strele, who kindly offered to take minutes in the absence of secretary Malinda Willard.