

Chatham Arch Neighborhood Association Minutes  
Tuesday, January 31, 2012   
6:30 pm – Social

7:00 pm - Meeting  
Firefighters Union Hall  
748 Massachusetts Avenue

President Sally Spiers called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the November 2011 membership meeting were reviewed. Blake Jeffry moved and Barb Tegarden second that minutes be approved. Minutes were approved as read.

Sally announced that since the November membership meeting, two board members resigned, one of which relocated and one has new job spending more time away. As a result, the board elected Gwen Chastain to complete the one-year term of Mike Koslow and Linda Hughes to fill Joe Cohil’s two-year term. Dan Bertram agreed to chair the membership committee.

Officers were also announced, as elected by the Board.

* President – Sally Spiers
* Vice President – Mike Harrell
* Treasurer – Steve Thornton
* Secretary – Cherry Kay Smith

**Membership Report**

There were 22 members as of the CANA board meeting There were additional members signed up during the meeting.. Membership form is on the Yahoo group. We will promote among neighbors and businesses on Mass Ave.

**Finance Report**

The balance on 12/31/11 was $36,358.61. In 2011, expenses exceeded revenue by $1859.74. The proposed 2012 budget presented to the board laid out relatively routine expenses and revenue, based on the 2011 membership revenue which was less than expected.

**Foundation Report** - none

**Urban Design Committee Report**

A report and presentation from a group planning a brewery and tasting and restaurant on the northwest corner of Park and North is anticipated at the February membership meeting. The group plans to go to the IHPC on March 7th. Wine license application, upcoming at Masterpiece and Mimosa, near Black Apple in the former stamp shop, is anticipated at the next UDC meeting.

**MAMA Report**

CANA Board has a new MAMA representative, Larry Gregerson. He announced that the upcoming first Friday is expected to be big as they are promoting with Super Bowl.

**IMPD Report**

CANA’s liaison with IMPD, Cherry Kay Smith, reported on preparations for Super Bowl, for the Ohio Street Project, reference to Super Bowl committee web site and continued postings to the CANA Yahoo Group. Members were cautioned about recent vehicle thefts, about individuals purporting broken down vehicles, seeking assistance very early in the morning and to be watchful of folks walking down the alley.

Members suggested a discussion with IMPD regarding the number of patrols in the neighborhood. We’d appreciate meeting the officers who work the neighborhood. Cherry Kay will contact IMPD about more information on neighborhood watch program options.

**Dinner/Supper Club Report**

There will be no Out to Dinner club meeting in February because of the Super Bowl. Watch for posting in Yahoo group about the Out to Dinner club plans in March. The next Supper Club is scheduled February 19.

**Home Tour Report**

Home tour is being planned for October 13-14, 2012. Information letter, soliciting volunteers, has been prepared. We currently have commitments from four homes and one business. We are planning to approach Sanford Garner about placing the church renovation on the tour. Sponsorships are encouraged. Urban Times articles are planned. The planning committee meets next after President’s Day. Five individuals are involved in the planning, though there will be many different ways to help, from planning up until the weekend of the event.

**Old Business**

* Block Party is scheduled for May 19, 2012. The party is a pitch in at the Firefighter’s Union Hall. It includes neighborhood tours, the Lois Bartz award and a silent auction, which is a fundraiser for the neighborhood organization.
* Beautification project – Members were reminded of the previously proposed project. The neighborhood was surveyed through Urban Times insert and also used an online survey to collect feedback. Survey responses were distributed, along with a proposed alteration to the primary gateway and flower baskets.

The survey response rate was good. They included many positive comments and valid concerns as well. Comments indicated a desire for a unified brand. The incentive drawing for a $25 gift card to Starbucks went to Lynn Pike.

Possible partnerships include:

* Indiana Landmarks on cleaning up the underpass and possible Feb 7 meeting with them to discuss
* work with Terry Spots on maintenance program
* possible garden club
* Master Gardeners

**New Business**

* It was announced that several streets in the neighborhood have updated signs, i.e. on 9th Street, there is no parking on the south side.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Program – Ideas & goals for 2012**

Members were asked to brainstorm ideas for programs at future meetings, activities to involve diverse groups of neighbors and proposed goals for upcoming year. The following topics were suggested:

* Sidewalks and curb repair on Arch Street; report on Mayor’s Action Council, will follow up if no action
* Lot CANA purchased - Joe Cohil spearheaded plans for bocce ball court on the lot and is still working on it; currently no competing vision; suggested place for a yard sale, assign dates by street or alphabetically by name, proceeds to beautification committee; urban garden idea; “Commercial activity on a recurring basis” need to consult neighbors
* Martini walk
* 4th of July at the Commons
* Facebook page, include instructions for joining Yahoo Group
* Update web page so we can link to business members
* Larger presence in Urban Times, need “reporter”
* Seek discounts from neighborhood businesses for membership
* Greater Chatham Arch presence at First Friday, and Indy Fringe
* Parking plan – contact Joe Simpson and the four at-large council members
* Removal of pests, i.e. birds
* Snow removal
* Clean up day
* Neighborhood crime watch – CK will check with IMPD about providing information

Refreshments provided by Kathy Curtis

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 2011; 6:30 pm Social; 7:00 pm Business Meeting

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Yahoo – search for Chatham Arch Yahoo Group

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