



CANA Meeting
Tuesday, October 27, 2015
6:30pm Social, 7pm Meeting
Firefighters' Union Hall

Sally Spiers called the meeting to order at 7:00.

1. Approval of Minutes - September 29, 2015
 - a. Minutes from the Sept 29th membership meeting were approved as submitted
2. Reports
 - a. IMPD – Kimberly Evans
 - i. Officer Evans had a family conflict and could not attend. Sally Spiers reported on her behalf: there have been a few burglaries throughout the neighborhood recently. Sally encouraged neighbors to take a brochure on safe practice tips. Suspicious behaviors and events should be reported.
 - b. Membership
 - i. Sally Spiers announced that at the next meeting, we will start collecting for 2016 membership. Fees will stay at \$25, which is low compared to most downtown neighborhoods.
 - c. Finance
 - i. Steve Thornton was unable to attend.
 - ii. Sarah Andrews provided the update from the last board meeting: Last reported balance was \$32,508.48. This does not reflect the \$515 deposit made after the Wine & Cheer event. Also, there is one new member whose fees are not accounted for. There may be a deduction for the final street sign payment, but that hasn't come through yet.
 - d. Other?
 - i. Sally Spiers reported that the Wine & Cheer event was a success.
3. New Business
 - a. Election of Nominating Committee – Sally Spiers reminded that, per the bylaws, each year a Nominating Committee is formed comprised of two representatives of the current Board of Directors and one voting member of the Corporation and shall be elected at the current meeting. The Nominating Committee shall nominate one person for each of the available positions on the Board of Directors outlined in this Article 6 and present its nominees at the November Annual Meeting where the members elect a Board of Directors. The new board will elect officers at its first meeting to serve for one year.

Sally promoted the benefits of serving on the board.

Three members volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee: Sarah Andrews (Board Member), Walter Bartz (Board Member), and Annie Lear (at-large member). Sally moved that these three be elected. Gary Pike seconded the motion. Motion was approved without dissent.

Sally Spiers answered a question to clarify the current status:

- Terms expiring this year: Steve Thornton, Gary Agee, Walt Bartz, Linda Hughes, Gary Pike and Christa Thacker. Steve Thornton is not eligible to run for another term. Gary Agee, Walt Bartz and Gary Pike have decided not to run. Linda Hughes and Christa Thacker have agreed to run for another term which would expire 12-31-2017.
- Board members continuing on the board thru 12-31-2016: Sally Spiers, Doug Steen, Sarah Andrews, Pauline Moffat and someone to be appointed by the board to fill the remainder of Sarah Anderson's term.
- So - the nominating committee needs to fill the six slots that expire this year. So far we have three people who have agreed to serve: Linda Hughes, Christa Thacker and Tom Schaefer. Just need to find three more.
- As for officers, Sally Spiers is willing to serve one more year as President, Doug Steen is willing to serve as Treasurer and Sarah Andrews is willing to serve as Secretary. We need to find someone to serve as Vice President. S/he can be a new member of the board or one currently serving on the board.

b. Other:

- i. Tom Schaefer addressed the neighbors regarding unpaid lottery tickets that have been found scattered throughout the neighborhood. Tom has collected an enormous stack of them. Tom has made the Hoosier lottery office aware of the trash, and they hope to reach a solution. He invited other neighbors to join in the collection and to represent the voice of this issue= citizen activism.
- ii. Question: what is the procedure/process if neighbors wanted to start additional social groups? Sally replied that it doesn't have to be formal. New interests and ideas can be shared on the NextDoor app, the Yahoo Group, etc.
- iii. Clay Miller raised the issue of street lights and the importance of maintaining them. He asked whether someone can serve as a clearing house to monitor street lights and whether they're working. If we could, as a neighborhood, develop an online inventory to help manage the maintenance of the lights, it could help ensure they are maintained. Sally Spiers replied that we haven't had a volunteer to collect information. Clay Miller volunteered to collect emails from neighbors to build an inventory list. The CANA Foundation pays for the lights, whether or not they are working.
- iv. Scott Williams volunteered to donate two lights to the neighborhood if there are spots in mind to use them. Clay Miller invited suggestions for where they could be placed. One potential location is near Park 10 or along East 9th St. between East and Park. Another suggestion made was on North Street between East and College.
- v. Foundation Report by Clay Miller, VP of the Foundation
 1. Street Signs have started going in. They are in along Park and on East Street. Historic CANA signs are now received when Foundation Donations are given.

2. The Foundation is gearing up for their annual appeal. Years ago, there was a decision to keep neighborhood dues low; so, there is a reliance on donations to maintain lights and other neighborhood needs.

4. Old Business

- a. Street Signs – see above
- b. Calendar

Sally Spiers announced that they hope is to have the calendar printed in time for next month's meeting. It would make a great Christmas gift.

- c. Other?
 - i. Scott Williams gave an update on the Firefighters' Union Hall renovation. Plans have not changed. Credit union is under construction, and the area is blocked off. Scott asked that any problems experienced by neighbors be reported. The new parking plaza is open. Smock (the development company) expects significant completion on the alley prior to winter. In regards to the lot, the gates will be the final pieces installed. They are willing to continue offering parking passes for guests in an effort to continue being good neighbors. Construction is expected to be done in 10 months—August/September of next year. Scott answered the question about the anticipated date of the Firehouse move, and he replied that the plan was for early November.
 - ii. Sally Spiers announced that, because of the construction, we won't be meeting in the Firefighters' Union Hall building next year. The Phoenix Theater has offered to let us use their space; however, they will be relocating. There will be a report from the Phoenix in January on their plans.
 - iii. Charlesfontaine Macon— Pastor at Allen Chapel Church, offered their space as a location, should CANA ever need it.
 - iv. Sally Spiers' ticket number was drawn for the monthly drawing= she will get free membership next year!
- d. Parking Committee Update by John Mendoza
 - i. Sally Spiers formed a large committee that John helped reduce to allocate roles and responsibilities in addressing the issue. Several meetings took place to develop an approach:
 1. Needed data/information – survey was created to be sent through different channels to reach as many neighbors
 2. Needed to define the issue, and three main things surfaced
 - a. Safety issues when you have to park far from home
 - b. Frustration/annoyance
 - c. "The principal of it all"
 3. Needed to identify the sources/drivers of the problem: merchants, new condo developments, new apartment developments, disappearance of existing parking
 - ii. The Committee then evaluated other neighborhoods' and cities' parking models; however, CANA has limited ability to influence DPW on permit options. DPW believes that Chatham Arch has significant amount of parking garages and doesn't need permits; Ron Brand is the contact at DPW that has been working with CANA and advised using the survey to demonstrate the need. City-County Councilor Zach Adamson is also engaged in the process.

- iii. Proposed compromise between merchants is to use the lot across from the IPS school bus yard – can this be opened for discussion again?
- iv. Current state and next steps:
 - 1. John provided the information to DPW
 - 2. John asked for DPW to acknowledge that there is an issue and asked for direction on what they need from us and what next steps could be
 - 3. Ron is going to review with his boss
- v. Tom Schaefer offered to provide John additional data on the condo complexes – Mill #9, Real Silk, etc.
- vi. One neighbor shared that he had a conversation with the current Mayor Ballard. The objective is not to create more parking downtown, but rather to encourage utilization of public transportation, use of the meters, etc. The Mayor encouraged neighbors to bring their issues to the City-County Council and encouraged that voices would be heard and that permits could be the answer for residents.
- vii. Neighbor commented that Economic Development needs to be included in the discussion. Sally Spiers noted that the Phoenix Theater is an example of the potential impact on our businesses.
- viii. John concluded that there are more details to come. Every individual household would be impacted differently by a permit approach. There are still many considerations on the table.

5. Adjourn – Sally Spiers called the meeting to close at 8:30 PM.

Next Membership Meeting – Tuesday, November 24, 2015 – Annual Meeting

Thanks to Coleen and Gary Agee for providing tonight's refreshments!