

Chatham Arch Neighborhood Association Minutes  
Tuesday, MARCH 27, 2012   
6:30 pm – Social

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

President Sally Spiers called the meeting to order following a Program on IMPD Crime Watch & Personal Safety presented by Tony Brown, Community Relations Officer for the Downtown District.

Approval of Minutes - Steve Tegarden moved and Gary Agee seconded that February minutes be approved. Motion carried.

There was no old business.

**Finance Report**

Steve Thornton reported a balance of $37,228.09.

**Foundation Report**

Steve Tegarden reported that the foundation is within days of signing an MOU with Dept of Public Works to restore the alley behind the Phoenix Theater. They will bid out the project and begin work in late spring or summer. We hope this becomes a model for other alleys that need to be restored.

Chatham Commons landscaping is irrigated between 4 and 6 am. The foundation has contracted with someone for mowing and trimming maintenance. They are currently authorizing signage for the Terri O’Neal garden, which should be ready this spring.

**Urban Design Committee Report**

Dave Gibson reported on work at 513 E 11th St, a single-family residence. The design will be proposed at the May IHPC meeting, so he plans to present additional details at the April neighborhood meeting.

Steve Thornton reported that IHPC approved the 608 Park Ave. IHPC questioned the need for the zoning restriction, but the restrictions were included nevertheless.

Steve Thornton will be the UDC chair next year, as current chair Mark Porteous has moved out of the area.

**MAMA Report**

Barb Tegarden reported that the Mass Ave merchants are preparing for artful tread. They also responded positively to working with CANA on the home tour by providing discounts to those presenting home tour tickets. CANA will also sponsor a tire to advertise the home tour.

**Spring Cleanup**

Spring cleanup is scheduled for April 28. Volunteers should plan to meet at Sally Spiers’ home at 9 am. The focus for this spring will be on curbs and sidewalks. Neighbors who are unable to help on the 28th can put bags out for pickup. Unlike previous years, a roving truck will circulate in the afternoon, requiring additional volunteers to help throw bags onto truck.

**Block Party**

Gwen Chastain reported that the neighborhood block party is scheduled for May 19 in the Firefighter’s Union Hall. We are looking for silent auction donations and soliciting volunteers to help set up. All are encouraged to invite neighbors. The party will begin with a neighborhood history tour before the meal.

**Yard Sale**

There was a brief discussion about interest in a yard sale, whether to coordinate with Lockerbie, schedule individual garage sale on same date, or take to communal lot. Very little enthusiasm for a coordinated, neighborhood sale was expressed.

NALC food drive on mother’s day weekend

2012 Home Tour

Barb Tegarden reminded members that the home tour is scheduled for October 13-14. We have several homes and businesses already committed to the tour, but are looking for a few more. Folks willing to consider opening home to tour should contact Barb or Jen Clady for more information. April 23 is next committee meeting.

New Business:

**Neighborhood Projects Request for Proposals**

All were encouraged to consider possible improvement projects worthy of CANA funding. Be prepared to consider them at the April meeting.

**Other**

* Lois Bartz award – April 15 nominations due

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments provided by Steve & Barb Tegarden.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 24, 2011; 6:30 pm Social; 7:00 pm Business Meeting

Program –Downtown Ghost Stories by Unseen Press

Firefighters Union Hall