

RAA MEETING MINUTES – JULY 12, 2016

New City Church 1300 N Central Ave.



Board members present; Sherry Rampy President, Ryan Tempest Vice president, Doug Churchill Treasurer, Cole Van Norman, Kristina Henbest

Board members absent: Pierre Kaluzny, George Pasquel III, Melanie Terpstra, and Joan Kelchner.

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Sherry Rampy. Introductions were made around the room. Doug Churchill moved and Cole Van Norman seconded approval of the June 7th minutes. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$17,768.06. Last month's revenue was \$786 and expenses were \$2,239.27. Cole Van Norman motioned to approve and Kristina Henbest seconded. The report was approved.

Community Action Officer Update:

Officer Howell was absent from the meeting. Sherry Rampy noted that he will be returning next month. Sherry noted that he is currently working on the closure of the homeless center and the resulting displacement of people. The majority of Neighborhood Safety calls are in regards to the growing number of homeless/transients in the area.

New Business and Events:

Recently a sex offender notification was sent to Roosevelt Neighbors to notify the community that a level 2 convicted sex offender is residing at the Toby House. Officer Howell is looking into the terms of the sex offender's parole/probation and will get back to the RAA. Sherry Rampy noted that affordable housing projects typically do not lease to felons, but that the Toby House is not designated as an affordable housing community. The RAA will contact the Toby House to discuss the matter further. Sherry also noted that certain sex offenders are not permitted to reside within proximity to schools or children.

Jennifer Hall of the Rose Law Group presented the updated designs for the Circles on Central project which has now been renamed to The Stewart as homage to the original Stewart Motor Co. After the presentation the team took questions from board members and community members. The following items were discussed/noted:

- The original demo permit has expired. CCBG has submitted an application for a partial demo permit and received comments back from the city. CCBG has not followed up on City comments as they are waiting to figure out some of the building details.
- A temporary roof has been installed over the part of the existing structure they want to retain to protect it during the monsoon season.
- Sherry discussed the six requests written in the original RAA letter to the Circles team.
 - The first request was that more of the original building be preserved. The Circles team responded to this by preserving the entire east and south facade. It was noted that the actual square footage of building preserved has not

changed drastically. The current design will preserve 7,459sf of the original 21,973sf of building.

- The second request was that the demo permit be tied to the pulling of a construction permit. Brian Cassidy from CCBG noted that his client would likely agree to this.
- The third request was specifics regarding the GPLET. No additional answers were given at the meeting.
- The fourth request was that the school district would still receive tax money from the project. It was confirmed that this would be the case.
- The fifth request was that the architect better address the west facade which would be most visible to Roosevelt neighbors. Sherry noted that the revised design addressed these concerns sufficiently.
- The sixth request was the Financial Capability of the group and no information has been forthcoming.
- Cole Van Norman requested that the designated locations for murals would not be later used for advertising / billboards.
- Rick Naimark asked Roger Brevoort if the Circles building could be designated under historic preservation as it stands now, in the aftermath of the partial demolition that occurred. Roger does not believe that it would qualify, but it was noted by Jim McPherson that this opinion is not necessarily agreed upon by everyone and that more investigation would be needed.
- Steven Bruckal asked if a preservation easement was still a possibility for the remaining portion of building. Roger said an easement could still be written into the deed.
- Community members asked if a the current design would change if a GPLET is not granted. Brian Cassidy could not comment on this.
- Ryan Tempest recommended that a separate meeting be scheduled among the board members to discuss the project further. Jennifer Hall is requesting that the RAA issue a letter to the City recommending that the City continue negotiations with regards to GPLET.

Ongoing Business:

Terry Goddard gave an update in last month's meeting regarding the FAA lawsuit. Willo paid \$25,000 toward legal expenses.

Andy Abkarian handed out a development update sheet.

The newsletter will now be funded by the recent block-watch grant. Due to the requirements of how money from the grant is used, newsletter ads will no longer be allowed.

Sherry received block-watch signs for windows and the alley. Neighbors can contact Sherry if they would like a sign.

Steven Bruckal announced that his condos on Culver and 3rd Ave will be having an open house on July 24th from 1-4pm.

Next RAA meeting is August 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm