

Normal Heights Community Planning Group DRAFT MINUTES

March 1, 2011
6:00 PM

Normal Heights Community Center

Meeting called to order with quorum at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Aaron Allen, Jim Baross, Joseph Fombon, Art Harrison, Nancy Lawler, Richard Rios, Mark Rowland, Earlene Thom, Nancy Wolfing

Members absent:

Community Members/Guests: Ryan Altman, Bob Kelsner, Suzanne Ledebouer, Ben Moore, Rebecca Tabatzky, Gary Weber

Welcome and introductions

Non-Agenda Public Comments/Information from Community Members:

Mr. A. Harrison tendered the only non-agenda public comments regarding the level of City services being provided to the Normal Heights community.

Approval of February 2011 Minutes

Mr. A. Harrison moved to approve the February 2011 minutes with a correction. Mr. A. Allen seconded the motion to approve the revised version of the minutes. The revised February minutes are to state Ms. N. Wolfing as being absent. The Board unanimously approved the revised minutes.

Modification to Agenda: No modifications to the meeting's agenda were requested.

Reports from Representatives of Elected Officials:

No representatives from elected officials were present.

Other Old and New Business:

- 1) Jim Baross reminded the Board that the Community Orientation Workshop ("COW") is available both online and at periodic in-person events and that all Board members must take the COW within one year of being seated on the Board.

Presentations from Municipal Employees:

Ms. Tonia Rodin made a brief presentation where she indicated that the City is short-staffed across all departments and there is a prevalent problem within Normal Heights and the City at large with regard to owners subdividing apartments in a manner that is non-compliant with the Municipal Code.

Officer Jenny Hall, Normal Heights' new Community Relations Officer, introduced herself to the Board and its assembled guests. Officer Hall advised everyone present to lock doors and windows in an effort to keep crime at bay.

Other Informational Items:

Ms. N. Wolfing commented that a house at 4479 38th Street has been recommended for historical designation.

Election of New and Continuing Board Members:

Mr. J. Baross apprised the Board and its assembled guests of the need to hold a vote to elect Board members and the process in which the vote is held. Ballots with candidates up for re-election were distributed and a secret vote was held. Completed ballots were passed to Mr. J. Fombon for counting of the result.

The results of the election were:

- Aaron Allen – elected
- Art Harrison – elected
- Richard Rios – elected
- Mark Rowland – elected
- Ben Moore – elected

Congratulations to all and welcome to the Board, Ben!

Action/Discussion Items:

- 1) Mr. Jim Kennedy, a representative of T-Mobile, presented a project to the Board. T-Mobile wishes to install cellular antennas on the steeple/cupola/tower of the Normal Heights Methodist Church to address a cellular coverage gap north of Adams Avenue. After considering the request, Mr. A. Allen moved to approve the project provided that the fit and finish of the antennas are invisible, pending a historical review of the site, and ensuring that the condition of the site and the antennas will be maintained upon abandonment of the site by T-Mobile. Ms. E. Thom seconded the motion. The Board subsequently voted to approve the motion with Mr. A. Harrison voting against the project and with no abstentions.

Next meeting: April 5, 2011 at the Normal Heights Community Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:09 P.M.