

April General Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2010 / 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Scuola Vita Nuova
530 Wabash
Kansas City, MO 64124

Present: Billie Robleado, President
Su Collura, Secretary
Virginia Collura
Marcellus Sinclair
Marian Wegener

Due to the very small attendance: No introductions were necessary.

I

This meeting began immediately with the presentation from John DeBausch, Kansas City, City Planning Department. Topic: **Down zoning**

All of the Pendleton Heights Area is zoned as R2B currently and is referred to as "Garfield/Independence Plaza" in the current 1970 Adopted Land Use Plan Guide. R2B allows for a single family residence to be occupied by multi-families. This is what we would like changed. We have two options:

- 1) We can "amend" the Land Use Guide Plan. This would be more of a "band-aid" fix temporarily.
- 2) The City has 18 different areas which they will be creating a "new" Land Use Guide for. We (Pendleton Heights) are supposedly the next area for the new plan to be done in. John suggested that Deb Hermann be notified that we are supposed to be next in line for this project. She may be able to ensure that we will be next on the list. With the City creating a brand new plan for our area; it will take quite some time to complete. We (PHNA) may want to move forward in amending the current Land Use Guide. We will need to survey our area in it's entirety and complete the necessary forms for the City. The Zoning laws need to be consistent with the Land Use Guide Plan.

II

Cathy Lay was the next person to present. Cathy has a new position at Don Bosco. She is working in Family Services. She is working with grants available through United Way and is looking to enroll over 33,000 people who don't currently have and cannot get insurance; elderly, children, pregnant women, needy families, etc.

This program works with 5 different insurance health care providers utilizing medicade. They work with church groups and also "undocumented" persons. They will work with any child who was born in this country; the parents are not involved at all with the insurance process.

III - Committee Reports

Treasurer Report: Marcellus Sinclair (Michael Ohlson was absent) - There is a balance of approximately \$7,000 in the bank.

Homes Tour - Marcellus Sinclair (Kent Dicus was absent) - We currently have 3 homes committed for the Homes Tour. All of the homes so far are on Olive Street. The monthly meetings will be the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Locations will vary. We are very excited about our 4th annual homes tour event. The homeowners chose Saturday, November 20th as the 2010 Tour Date from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. If anyone knows of any homeowners that may be interested in participating in this great fundraising event, please notify someone on the board about them so they can be contacted.

Crime - Marcellus Sinclair - Marcellus is working with Office James Schriever for a Personal Safety Course (geared toward women/girls) to take place in the near future in the Northeast. Currently the only date Officer Schriever has available is May 26th. They will continue to work together to try to get the Training Course on the calendar. We may work the other Neighborhood Associations to get this accomplished.

Housing and Development - Billie Robleado - No updates other than the plan for the Down zoning.

Community Engagement - Virginia Collura - Virginia has reached out to "Della Lamb" and has been successful. A representative from Della Lamb will speak at our July Membership meeting.

Website - Brian Srch was absent. - No update

Membership - Linda Fleischman was absent. - No update

Fundraising - Larry Dailey was absent. - No new updates other than the homes tour meetings have begun.

IV

Will Royster, Vice-President; Scarritt Neighborhood Association, attended our meeting. Will stated that their Association performed the down zoning also. Their purpose was to not let homes get "chopped up", etc. and allows single resident homes become multi-family homes.

Will also spoke about an upcoming program taking place in the Northeast. There is a program named "Christmas in October" and they are focusing on the Northeast this year. It's an organization that accepts applications until May 1st for those people who are in need of home repairs; plumbing, roofing, windows, painting, weatherization, flooring, etc. They have 4,000 non-skilled volunteer laborers and 400 certified skilled laborers such as plumbers, electricians and roofers. All volunteers will be working on 500 homes in need of repair. Once the application is completed and sent in; there is no guarantee the application will be approved but someone will call and speak to the applicant. He encouraged us to relay the message to anyone who may need these services. The application form can be found at:

<http://www.christmasinOctober.org/docs/Resident%20Application.pdf>

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.