

**Meeting of the Bancroft Neighborhood Association  
Oct. 11, 2012**

**Present:** Neal Baxter, Kyle Gaffaney, Joe Hatch, Andy Hestness Sara Luoma, Evette McCarthy, Mark Sauter, Sandra Smith, Matt Toburen, Shelby Williams; Luke Stultz, community organizer.

President Luoma called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**Minutes—Neal Baxter**

Mark moved the minutes, Andy seconded. Approved.

Joe moved approval of the minutes, Andy seconded. Approved.

**Green Committee—Shelby Williams**

Mark talked with El Colegio about a partnership for our pavement painting project.

Neal contacted Mary Altman of the City's Art bureau about procedures to follow as we pursue this.

**Commercial Development—Evette McCarthy**

We had no meeting this past month. Urban Touch is working on their facade improvement grant.

Bryant has agreed to put forward the \$1250 needed for the awnings.

Southside Farm Store wants a Facade grant.

Mi Sinaloa—CANDO has agreed to help them with their Facade grant

A new day care has gone in next to Family Dollar, at 40<sup>th</sup> & Bloomington

Andrea Jenkins is helping South Point Acupuncture find a new location.

**Outreach—Andy Hestness**

Committee held a Listening Session with the staff of Bethel church.

Mark moved approval of the committee's timeline for Banner articles and news from neighborhood entities; Sandra seconded. Approved.

**Housing—Whitney Keiffer**

Committee held no meeting this month.

**Annual Meeting—Sara Luoma**

Please send in committee updates for the year, for the annual report, and a short bio if you are running for re-election to the Board.

After members volunteered for duties in preparation for the annual meeting, Sara brought the issue of absences from meetings to the attention of the Board. Sandra mentioned that she will be moving to Bloomington in January.

We should have ballots ready if we need them.

**Ashii Webster's Contract—Kyle Gaffaney**

The 2 contracts Ashii has presented to the Board don't match, esp. in respective of scope of services.

A lengthy discussion ensued over Ashii's 3 months of work, and the confusion between what we agreed to and when she worked on BNA matters. The Board agreed that we want to be able to verify what A. has done for BNA. Kyle and Joe agreed to write a contract.

Joe moved: that Ashii research funds (\$2000) to provide staffing for the BNA to encourage business development from October 2012 to January 2013; Sandra seconded. Approved.

**Banner Ads—Sara Luoma**

Luke suggested running ads in the Banner, as does Corcoran. Members agreed that Corcoran's newsletter is more of a local newspaper than a newsletter. Our Banner has more limited ambitions.

**Great Streets Application—Neal Baxter**

Discussion about whether BNA or the 38<sup>th</sup> & Chicago Business Association is a better administrator for this program. No conclusion reached. However, the Board determined that the Commercial Development Committee should handle these applications in future.

Joe moved that the Board approve the application from Smoke in the Pit for Great Streets funding; Andy seconded. Approved.

**Community Organizer's Report—Sara Luoma**

In Luke's absence, Sara read a brief record of Luke's work for the month. An upcoming meeting to note was the SUN Neighborhoods meeting, at Powderhorn Park on Oct. 16.

**New/Old Business—Sara Luoma**

Carrot Initiative is hosting a neighborhood meeting on Oct. 20 at the Furniture Liquidators site. The site is not really a short-term likelihood, and Carrot's \$5000 purchase agreement deposit is running out. That money should soon return to BNA.

Bryant board is holding an art auction on Nov. 17 to raise money, at the gallery on 38<sup>th</sup> & Chicago.

Adjourned at 8:20 PM.