

Elizabeth Community Association Board Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2010

Hawthorne Recreation Center

Board Members Present: John Albert, Nancy Albert, Beth Haenni, Kristin Magas, Matt Nurkin, Maya Packard, Susan Plott, Todd Rubenson, Peter Tart, Amy Williams

Board Members Absent: Kara Gooding, Jenny Holman, Dana Inge, Debbie Johnson, Terry Lett, Amanda Loftus, Ruffin Pearce, Suzanne Phillips, Melanie Sizemore,

Guests

- Officer Sprague/Sergeant Stanke – Crime Report
 - Linda Nash – Trolley Path/Triangle Maintenance
 - Kris Solow – Neighborhood Signs
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Matt calls meeting to order.

Officer Sprague – Crime – April, 12 larceny from autos, 1 residential burglary over on Park Dr. May, 18 auto break-ins, including rash of smashed car windows. Year-over-year comparisons about even for April.

Philosopher's Stone – Loud music again over the weekend. Police did have an officer on duty. No calls to 911. Determined that they followed guidelines for their permit for noise levels, moved band inside at appointed time. Continuing to work with city committees and policy leaders to develop new guidelines, but it is a lengthy and bureaucratic process. May have a new ordinance in place next year.

Neighborhood Signage – Kris Solow – Previously the city put up the signs, but now it's up to us from a cost standpoint... CDOT still has to sign off on locations... we're buying new signs with reflective material. Suggesting larger size – same size as, for instance, a standard directional traffic sign (18" x 24")... older signs were 14" x 23"... competitive bidding among Budget Signs, Instant Signs, SignArt and Signs Etc.... Kris is recommending Instant Signs... competitive price, good quality and very good customer service... could go with one-color or two-color... consensus emerging within group for one-color... less expensive and cleaner, sharper look... Instant Signs, larger size and one-color proposals approved by unanimous consent...

Debate over color for signs – stick with brown or change to a dark green. Made some specific color suggestions to Kris. Will have mock-ups of signs in different colors before we have to decide.

Debate over locations for signs – Peter adds several strategic locations for signs.

Matt proposes that we approve up to \$3200 and give Kris discretion on execution... Peter seconds... unanimous consent.

Kris – Separate proposal in works for special "gateway" sign structures that would be more elaborate – brick or stone "monoliths" with Elizabeth signs installed at major gateways to

neighborhood. No quotes at this point. Would probably be a matching grant project for next year. Table for now.

Use of ECA Funds – Maya Packard – Members have raised the question as to what we're doing with the association's funds.

- Seems logical that Home Tour funds should go back into beautification.
- Others have suggested supporting third party non-profits in the neighborhood with other sources of funds – Road Race, Progressive Dinner, etc.
- Progressive Dinner cmte sent some excess funds to Crisis Assistance Ministries, so there is precedent.
- Can debate what percentage of any particular income stream would go toward neighborhood charities.
- Hospice, Thompson Family & Child Services, International House, who else? Pick one before a given event and use as part of the marketing for the event.
- Peter notes that we used to use some funds to help pay for neighborhood planning expenses in conjunction with the city.
- Security could be another category – installing cameras, lights, even hiring part-time security personnel to augment police patrols. Requires research.
- Consider adding public benches, picnic tables to public areas within the neighborhood, in or outside of the park.

Motion from Amanda (in absentia) for funds to pay for additional remote earpieces for police patrols. Cost would be about ~\$600. Motion passes unanimously.

CPCC Lawsuit – Peter Tart – Following through with the lawsuit. Had hoped to get a conservation easement on definition of parkland, but not forthcoming, so suit continues. To reiterate, no desire to remove new deck, simply want to clarify status of land ongoing as public parkland. No next action date. Has snowballed beyond reversion clause. Will update board as saga continues.

Trolley Path Easement – Homeowner actions to cancel the easement – no consensus emerging. No communication from homeowners thus far, but we expect them to come back with request to clarify ECA's responsibility for maintenance. Reasonable use of ECA funds to allocate perhaps a couple thousand dollars annually as a budgeting item. But also anticipate a short-term punch list for immediate items to fix up. Will update as information comes in.

Bo Guion – Has in the past been contracted by ECA to help maintain the Trolley Path... provides basic landscaping maintenance services. Motion to approve hiring Bo to add the Triangle to his maintenance routine at a quarterly cost of \$105.00. Motion approved unanimously.

Peter is engaged with Center City Partners working on 2020 Plan, now including all the "ring" historic neighborhoods. Will continue to bring ECA board updates and information as process progresses.

Matt adjourns meeting.