

**Jackson Place Community Council
Board Meeting
April 7, 2008, 7:30-9:00p
Jackson Place Cohousing Living Room**

Attendance

Board members present: Johnny Calcagno, Steve Van Oel, Bill Bradburd; Maura Deering, Deborah Bartley, Ben Kim. Board members absent: Claude Zervas, Jill Moe, Oksana Winstead.

Also attending: Vince Furfaro.

Agenda

1. Bylaw changes
2. Planning and framework for June Quarterly meeting
3. Recruiting for Board
4. Updating the address list
5. Goodwill
6. Newsletter
7. Traffic
8. Sculpture Park

Pre-meeting Chat

Deborah proposed a task list (action items) attached to Board notes.

Action item for Johnny: Make text bigger or more ADA accessible on website.

Action item for people for photos: Give them to Johnny for possible inclusion on the website.

Bylaw changes

Ben says we should do a comprehensive rewrite of bylaws. Steve says we could just change the number of Board members, or we could change everything later. Ben thinks that everyone on the Board should be a member of a committee. Ben will lead the effort of examining the bylaws. We will need to make available any revised bylaws by May 9th (one month before the quarterly meeting), but send a postcard before then with a notice of change. We may end up only changing the number of Board members, if that is what seems best after investigating bylaw changes.

We will try to do this process as much online as possible, with meetings held to a minimum.

Action Items for Johnny: Check Mac implementation of Google Docs. Doc-ize the current bylaws.

Comments and discussions about Bylaws will involve all Board members.

Action Item for Bill: Call Thomas Whittemore to see what legal ramifications etc are for changing bylaws.

Action item for Ben: Check on other neighborhood bylaws. Thomas Whittemore has all the central area ones, for example.

Deb: We should somehow present the changes at the meeting.

Planning and framework for June Quarterly meeting

One item (the first?) will be bylaw changes.

Salmon, Beef, and Veggie burgers.

Board elections.

Invite public figures. Vince: How about Sina from EPCPC?

Recap of exciting things that have gone on.

Recruiting for Board

Bill: Last year we did a nominating committee. We should be proactively seeking people. We should seek ethnic and business people from the community. The new head of school at Giddens, perhaps? For example, if we had a Vietnamese speaker on the Board they could do some outreach to that community.

Action item for Bill: Recruiting.

Updating the address list

Action item for Johnny: Take names from last JPCC meeting and send invites to Yahoo group.

Action item for Bill: Give Johnny his list for sending invites to Yahoo group.

Action Item for Bill: Contact the King Street Coop to find out if they would be willing to do an emergency preparedness list, etc. Invite them to the May meeting.

Action Item for Deb: Contact Tom Whittemore about a reverse directory of houses and people.

Newsletter

Bill would like another page for the newsletter. Deb: Would do that only as needed, because it takes person-power. You (Bill) will have to contribute something.

Maura: We should have a quarterly newsletter at least, but if we have a special need we could do interim.

Traffic

Action item for Deb: will send John an email double checking status of traffic, making sure that we aren't dropping the ball. Also, check with him to make sure that we are coordinating vis-à-vis with any mitigations arising from Goodwill..

Sculpture Park at Art Space

Two of three pieces are installed. They haven't spent all the money, and they haven't yet done all the work.

Bill is going to try extend the period in which we can spend the money. There was a discussion about using some of the "extra" money for outreach/newsletter activities that are related to the sculpture park. Perhaps a walking tour at the quarterly?

Goodwill

Deb: What is the best role for Board members; how much do people on the Board care, and how much do they want to be engaged?

Bill and/or Steve will invite DSCLN members to speak before a Land Use meeting?

As part of this discussion, Ben asked if Board members remained uncomfortable with his presence at meetings where the Goodwill project was being talked about. Everyone agreed that in the context of the current general discussion his presence was welcome, but that if negotiating strategies etc vis-à-vis the developer were discussed, some Board members (Bill, Steve, Johnny) would not be comfortable, because of potential conflicts of interest with his wife's advocacy for Goodwill.

A lively and somewhat contentious discussion ensued, and Ben announced his resignation from the Board, but will still work on the bylaws.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. Next board meeting will be 5/5/08.