

Urban Neighbors Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Cardinal Engineering Offices, Suite 300, 1015 Broadway, Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Present: Jeff Bezdek, Mark Gibbs, Brian Hammond, Brett Price, David Remy, Holly Shelton
Absent: Paige Gregory, Steven Newlon
Other UN Members: Bose' Akadiri
Guest: Steve Mason

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 PM by Brett Price, UN President.

II. Welcoming Remarks

Steve Mason, President of Cardinal Engineering, discussed various issues including housing options Downtown, train noise, parking and mass transit.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 9, 2008 UN Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

IV. Financial Report

Brian Hammond distributed a monthly financial report for August 2008 (revised) and September 2008. He noted that this should be the last time that it was necessary to present revised monthly financial statements since we now have online banking and can access monthly statements immediately the month has ended. At the end of September the actual bank balance was \$1,536.56, there was \$1,015.30 in the PayPal account and outstanding deposits less outstanding liabilities were \$160.00. Brian Hammond presented a sample Operating Budget for 2009, emphasizing the numbers listed are starting points. These need to be refined by the relevant Officers and Committee Chairs who were encouraged to work by email with the Treasurer before the next Board meeting. Brian Hammond also discussed the advantages of developing a zero-based budget. Mark Gibbs pointed out that the 2009 budget would need to be approved by the Board for recommendation to the membership for their approval in turn by the end of the current Financial Year. The Board voted unanimously *to hold an Urban Neighbors Business Meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2008* which would also be used as an opportunity to solicit planning feedback from members. The meeting, which requires a quorum of 15 resident members, will need to be publicized as effectively as possible, including in the next two UN newsletters, the November Social and by word of mouth.

V. Membership Committee Report

Mark Gibbs reported current membership numbers of 67 Resident, 39 Associate and 25 Business members and noted that the number of new members this month is better than previously. The general email list is around 800 addresses. Brett Price will contact Jim Cowan of the Bricktown Association regarding the status of the UN member discount card.

VI. Social Committee Report

Holly Shelton announced that the October Social will be at The Melting Pot this Thursday, October 9. The November Social will be at The Renaissance who will shortly be announcing a discounted room rate for Urban Neighbors members. Locations for the Christmas Social in December were discussed and it was suggested that Tapwerks be contacted.

VII. Marketing Committee Report

Not give as Paige Gregory was not present.

VIII. Focus Group Reports

Brian Hammond distributed a brief report on the activities and progress of the Safety & Health, Downtown Transportation and Quiet Zone (ex-“Train Noise”) and Committees.

IX. Update on UN Forum for Ward 6 Candidates

The Board was briefly updated on the Ward 6 Council Election. Approval was given to *invite Meg Salyer to a Q&A session at the Thursday, November 12 Social at the Renaissance.*

X. Postponement of November Board Meeting

After a brief discussion the Board voted unanimously to *move the next Board meeting only to first Thursday of the month (November 7) to avoid conflict with General Election.*

XI. New Business

The idea of a mortgage company providing a mortgage calculator for the UN website was brought up but concern about adverse effect on the UN brand was raised. The issue of benefits for business members (such as “Spotlight on” articles for the web and the email newsletter) versus advertising for higher sponsorship levels was revisited again. Since she is contacting and recruiting companies as members, Brett Price directed Bose’ Akadiri to evaluate what sponsorship packages companies would be most interested in. David Remy expressed in interest in leading UN community service efforts and he was encouraged to take the lead on this. The Board approved *UN sponsorship with the Downtown College Consortium of a Personal Identity Theft Seminar* to be held on November 18 at the Downtown Library.

XII. Announcements

None.

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Brett Price at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Mark Gibbs, Secretary