

# Urban Neighbors Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

Private Dining Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Nonna's, 1 S. Mickey Mantle, Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Present: Jeff Bezdek, Andy Burnett, Brian Engel, Mark Gibbs, Paige Gregory, Brian Hammond, Steven Newlon, Brett Price, Robert Robles, and Holly Shelton.

Absent: David Remy

## Minutes

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Brett Price, UN President.

### II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 7, 2007 UN Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

### III. Social Committee Report

Holly Skelton reported on preparations for the upcoming November Social on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Bricktown Brewery. Plans are underway to hold the Christmas party/December Social at the new bowling alley.

### IV. Membership Committee Update

Brett Price said that he and Paige are receiving 3-4 emails per week. Brian Hammond discussed the importance of using a database to track recruitment and members with outstanding dues. Jeff Bezdek mentioned that there is a person who takes care of all membership invoicing for several neighborhood associations, and that we may want to consider this in future. Brett said that no nominations had been received for the Membership Committee Chair. Brian Hammond volunteered and was duly appointed. Steven Newlon raised the topic of a membership benefits card that would offer an element of exclusivity. Robert Robles moved a motion that all Board members should automatically be members of the Membership Committee. Mark Gibbs moved an amendment that Board members should be encouraged to join the Membership Committee where possible, which was unanimously approved.

### V. Grant Committee Report

Mark Gibbs gave an update on the "Rack Up Downtown" Bike Rack Project. Jeff mentioned that Mayor Cornett has been very involved with a nationally known advocate of pedestrian friendly urban design and that it would be exciting to follow the I-40 relocation and redevelopment.

### VI. Website Update

Brett Price reported that he and Paige Gregory have been having discussions with a web developer and though he had some preliminary quotes, he preferred not to share this immediately. A motion was proposed by Robert Robles that a development

proposal be brought before the Board at the next meeting for possible approval in order to keep the process moving forward, which was approved unanimously.

**VII.** Discussion on UN By-Laws

Mark Gibbs reported that he had not yet had a meeting with Sharon Rodine to discuss her work on the Proposed By-Laws, but said he hoped to have some detailed set for the Board to review at the next meeting.

**VIII.** Separation of Issues and Social Meetings

A broad ranging discussion covered many aspects of this issue which continues to evolve as the UN grows.

**IX.** St Luke's Methodist Church Membership

Discussion covered the importance of starting a dialog with downtown churches, but the board agreed that St Luke's should be charged the normal business membership fee.

**IX.** Discussion on Local Business Involvement

Tabled until another meeting.

**X.** New Business

Robert Robles said he was still waiting to complete the handover as Treasurer. Mark Gibbs proposed a motion that the Treasurer provide monthly financial reports at each Board meeting which was unanimously approved.

**XI.** Announcements

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at a location to be announced.

**XII.** Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Brett Price at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mark Gibbs, Secretary