

Meeting Minutes

Jefferson Westside Neighbors Executive Board Meeting

February 19, 2007
(Approved March 20, 2007)

Presiding: Rene Kane, Co-Chair

Board members present: Rene Kane, Paul Conte, Erika Seiferling, Angela Rooney, Garrick Mishaga, Glenn Smeed, Kyle Burns, Charles Snyder

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Announcement.

- Upcoming JWN General Meetings are scheduled for March 13 and April 10. JWN Executive Board Meetings are scheduled for March 20 and April 17.
- A hearing regarding the Area 15 code amendments will be held in Council Chambers tomorrow (2-20-07) at 7:30 pm. The Council will vote at the March 12 meeting.
- The Neighborhood Climate Council will meet at McNail-Riley House on Thursday, February 22, at 6:30 pm. The topic will be "Commuter Solutions."

Co-Chairs' Report.

- Paul reviewed the Area 15 code interpretation appeal. JWN lost on max density and won part of the issue on maintaining the character of the neighborhood. Information will be posted on Web site.
- The five Board members who attended the Neighborhood Summit (2-17-07) reported their impressions. The three top action items were #12, #11, and #B2 (see below).
 - Kyle mentioned that police bike patrols at Monroe Park did not have secure funding for summer 2007, and that there was an effort to triple funding for traffic calming (to \$100K).
 - Garrick and Charles reported on the small discussion regarding Item #11, "Involve Neighborhood Associations earlier in land use proposals." Suggestions included early notification and consultation with neighborhood associations when building and land use inquiries are first made. Suggestions for balancing planning activities between the interests of developers vs neighbors included; adding staff to interact with neighborhood associations and providing funds for neighborhood analysis of proposals. The need for regular updates to neighborhood development plans was also recognized.
 - Paul and Rene attended the small discussion regarding Item #12, "Increase density in existing neighborhoods thoughtfully," or as restated, "Ensure that any increase in density in existing neighborhoods maintains the

character and stability of the neighborhood.” That discussion focused on the importance of a resident-driven process.

- Kyle reported on a discussion of Item B2, “Increase ongoing support for Neighborhood Associations.” He noted that there are only three neighborhood association websites.
- Rene read a letter from First United Methodist Church asking for JWN help in dealing with transient sleeping on church property.
- On Friday, 2-16-07, Paul delivered a letter to Lisa Gardner regarding neighborhood leaders dissatisfaction with the LUCA process being conducted currently. The letter was signed “as individuals” by 30 neighborhood association officers.

Secretary Report.

Board minutes for January 16, 2007, were approved without amendment.

Treasurer Report.

Paul distributed a summary report of the JWN ledger (12-31-06 to 2-5-07), as well as details of ENI activity and JWN donations for land use appeal.

Editor Report.

Rene noted that the February general meeting announcement had been mailed 2-2-07, and the JWN e-News sent 2-9-07. She plans a postcard announcement for the March general meeting, and a tabloid notice for the April meeting which will also announce the May meeting and other summer events. Since this format requires a long lead time, articles for inclusion should be submitted soon. There was discussion of a neighborhood newsletter that would be self-supporting through local business advertising, although this would not be allowed in the City-funded newsletter. Garrick suggested that Mayor Piercy’s appearance at the March general meeting be announced in the R-G and Weekly.

Tentative agenda items for upcoming general meetings.

March 13

It was pointed out that board nominations will **not** be taken at the March 13 meeting. A Board slate should be presented in the newsletter prior to the April 10 meeting, and nominations will be taken from the floor at that meeting. Kyle expressed an interest in encouraging younger folks to attend, perhaps by meeting earlier and providing childcare. The Board will explore these options. The Council vote on Area 15 amendments is scheduled for March 12, so a result should be known by the meeting.

April 10

Paul hopes to announce progress on the LUCA and infill and opportunity siting process.

May 8

More information should be available on the infill and opportunity siting process, and on Monroe Park Bicycle patrols.

Nominating Committee.

The Board needs to form a nominating committee to provide a slate of seven Board nominees for the April 10 elections. A motion passed 8-0 that the committee consist of Paul Conte, Matt Purvis, and a third person to be designated by the Co-Chairs and approved by at least three other Board members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.