

Emerson East Neighborhood Association
Wednesday, March 1, 2017
Draft Minutes

Present: Indira Ceylan, Tim Cordon (chair), Chris Heaton (chair)(and Tillie), Barb Jenkin, John Koch (acting secretary), Jessica LeClair, Derek McRoberts, Kayne Neigherbauer, Gail Piper, Doug Renk, Adrienne Sella, Wes Webendorfer; Guest: Alder Larry Palm

Pennsylvania Park: Jessica reported on a meeting between the Pennsylvania Park Transformation Task Force and Karin Wolf, the city Arts Administrator, to develop concepts for art in the park.

February Minutes: Several changes were proposed: 1) First sentence under “Public Market” - correct typo to “zeroing in on” for “zeroing on,” and in third sentence, “has subcontracted a local architect” for “has subcontracted to a local architectural.” 2) Delete last sentence under “Neighbor spring edition,” since no action was taken. 3) Delete second and fourth sentences under “Welcome letter.” John moved and Chris seconded approval as amended. Approved without opposition.

Alder's Report: 1) A fatal shooting occurred early this morning at the Mobil station at 3019 E. Washington Ave. 2) It is probably time for a public review of the current version of the proposed design of the public market. Larry has concerns about the proper amount of parking – neither too little, causing people to park on the streets, nor too much, wasting space. 3) Kraft is negotiating with a potential buyer – Reich Brothers Holdings – for the Oscar Mayer site. The potential buyer specializes in buying food processing plants and selling salvageable scrap before redeveloping the sites. City staff are working on a resolution describing the city's vision for any redevelopment. There should be a public input meeting, since there seems to be potential conflict over how much say the neighborhoods represented in the OSCAR Group have in the redevelopment as opposed to the Mayor and city staff.

Welcome Letters: Indira passed out a draft letter welcoming new members. Chris moved and Barb seconded that the Executive Committee will be responsible for arranging for the mailing of the letters and that we allocate money to buy stamps and other supplies for this mailing. Passed without opposition. The Treasurer will be asked to report the names of new members at membership meetings.

Pennsylvania Park: Chris moved and Indira seconded that the Pennsylvania Park Transformation Task Force, co-chaired by Jessica and Tim, be authorized to work with city staff on making improvements in the park. Passed without opposition.

Yard Sale Day: The Executive Committee decided on June 3 as the date, with June 10 as a rain date. The first Saturday in June has been the traditional date, but we have not made a formal motion to make that the default date. However, the effectiveness of such a motion would depend on people's memories that we had made it, so is probably pointless and unnecessary. We will spend some time at the April meeting planning publicity and logistics.

Announcements: 1) A judicial candidate has asked if she could come to a meeting. However, our next meeting is the day after the election. Chris will contact her with that information. 2) Comments from membership forms were read a) “Keep up the good work,” b) there should be individualized membership renewal dates, and c) a request for work on a toddlers' playground. 3) Chris is representing adults in the neighborhood in a community-city collaboration to spend money from the neighborhood planning process to improve the Emerson School playground.