

**CARAG**  
Calhoun Area Residents Action Group  
**Monthly Neighborhood Meeting Minutes**  
**DECEMBER 19, 2006**  
*Subject to Approval at the January 2007 CARAG Meeting*

**Board Members Attending:** Rick Bojko (Vice President), Stephen Eisenmenger (Secretary), Ellan Meyer, Bill Morton, Dan Qualy, Aaron Rubenstein, and Howard Verson (President). (Absent: Jill Bode, Anna Matthes)

**Welcome:** The CARAG Board is made up of volunteers who also volunteer time on other neighborhood committees and organizations. Scott Engel, the CARAG community coordinator, can be reached at 612-823-2520. CARAG is a democratic organization; membership and voting privileges are open to residents, property owners, and business owners in the neighborhood.

**Approve Agenda & Minutes:** Motions were passed to approve the amended agenda and the August meeting minutes.

**Council Member Remington's Report:** (Ralph Remington and Kim Malrick) Announcements, see city website, 673.2210 is the Ward 10 office phone number. Questions: Greenway land use shadowing language and lack of specific height parameters all along the Greenway. Lighting update – citywide. Library update – diffuse funding and accountability. Strategic plan due in the near future – the lack of a plan is why the Council did not approve longer term funding.

**Bryant Square Park Report:** (Julie Sandin) Holiday Activities sheet passed out. Rink hours released, 3-9 p.m. Monday

**Zoning Committee Report:** (Aaron Rubenstein)

– Ross Fefercorn, owner/developer of Uptown Row at 1221 W. Lake, introduced Randy Zarecki who plans to open a Fitness Together workout studio in the building. Fefercorn explained that he had thought the business required a conditional use permit but it does not.

– [This CUP applies to large athletic clubs, not to small places like Fitness Together.] CARAG residents expressed support, but there was no action taken. Ross explained the Uptown Row parking payment procedures and which business processes for parking validation.

– Committee Updates. Aaron explained the Planning Commission's review of the Midtown Greenway Land Use and Development Plan the previous evening. The plan was approved and forwarded to the City Council's Zoning and Planning Committee. The commission voted one business day after the public comment period closed. Planning Commissioners were not able to review all the public comments prior to the meeting, which sends a message that public comment is not important.

**NRP Updates:** (Skyler Weinand)

- 2007 CARAG Event Calendar. Motion to approve agenda passed.
- NRP Phase I Evaluation. Surveys should be tabulated in the next month or so.
- Committee Updates

**Break:** (10 minutes)

**Uptown Neighborhood News Bylaws Change:** (Kay Graham) The UNN Managing Board shall consist of three members from CARAG and three members from ECCO. The UNN Managing Board must always contain at least one CARAG Board member. It must also contain at least one ECCO Board member. Motion passed.

**Southwest Corridor Transit Line:** (Howard Verson) three alternate routes, to be decided in early 2007. A recommendation will be coming soon. Howard may post documents to the CARAG online forum.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn passed unanimously. 8:26 p.m.

**CARAG Stroll Patrol**

Leaves after each monthly meeting, see [www.carag.org](http://www.carag.org) for the full schedule. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7 p.m. At Bryant Square Park