

# CARAG

## Calhoun Area Residents Action Group Monthly Neighborhood Meeting Minutes FEBRUARY 20, 2007

*Subject to Approval at the March 2007 CARAG Meeting*

**Board Members Attending:** Rick Bojko (Vice President), Stephen Eisenmenger (Secretary), Ellan Meyer, Bill Morton, Dan Qualy, Aaron Rubenstein, Howard Verson (President), Jill Bode, and Anna Matthes (None Absent)

**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.

**Introductions & Announcements** (Howard Verson)

**Approve Consent Agenda** (Howard Verson) (Vote)

- Treasurer's Report: (Jill Bode) UNN January Net Loss was \$1,047.00, Total Equity stands at \$4403.18. CARAG Assets and Bank Accounts stand at \$20,608.72. Approved.

Approve & Sign Minutes, Howard Verson (Vote)

- January meeting minutes. Approved.

**Crime & Safety MPD Update:** (Tom Thompson/Marie Przynski) Crime numbers are down in this neighborhood compared to last year. Westrum's will close March 1<sup>st</sup>. It is anticipated that Champions will be accepting a 14 day suspension starting March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Country Bar or The Yukon may pick up business due to these closings. The Bogus Boys operate from Champions the 30 Bloods operate from Westrum's.

Running your car on the street is illegal and you will be ticketed. An estimated 70% of car thefts in Minneapolis are due to people leaving their cars unlocked and running.

**MN State Auditor's Agreed Upon Procedures Review Response** (Vote) Unanimous, 9-0 [The MN State Auditor found only one "finding" when completing the recent agreed upon procedures review- the "Segregation of Duties". The Board approved the following response for the Auditor's report: "The CARAG Board of Directors will remain aware of the Segregation of Duties issue".](#)

**NRP Updates**, Scott Engel 30 Min

- 4+ Unit Loan Program Lottery Procedures (Vote) The Lottery Procedures document was approved and the random drawing is scheduled for April 5.
- Bryant Square Park Bus Shelter Scope of Services (Vote) This document was approved allocating up to \$12,500 in NRP funds to purchase and install a new shelter with a hip roof at BSP.
- Bryant Square Park Youth Activities Scope of Services (Vote) Approved (CARAG will partner with Bryant Square Park (BSP) and the Pangea World Theater to provide theater activities for youth at BSP during the summer of 2007. These activities will include drama techniques, martial arts, spoken work, music and movement. This program will be incorporated into the drop-in youth activities program going on at BSP and modeled after the similar 2006 summer theater activities program.) This document was approved allocating up to \$2,300 for the project.
- Lyndale Ave Pedestrian Lighting Scope of Services (Vote) This document was approved allocating \$35,000 to offset the cost of assessments for CARAG property owners to install pedestrian level lighting along Lyndale Avenue.
- Bryant Square Park Public Outdoor Performance Space (POPS) Scope of Services (Vote) Modified Scope of Services to include specific language: "Final design to be reviewed and approved by CARAG at a regular monthly meeting". This document was approved allocating up to \$60,000 in NRP funds for this project.
- Chilly Chili Fest- Feb 25 (Update)
- NRP Phase I Evaluation/Survey Results (Update) Results will be presented at March's CARAG Meeting
- Committee Updates (Update)

**Council Member Remington's Report**, (Discussion) Monthly Email Newsletter signup is available. Uptown has a new beat cop on duty from 9-5:30 each weekday. Ralph proposed extending the height moratorium by six months and it passed Zoning and Planning. Ralph proposed an Iraq resolution that passed with 9 votes. March 19<sup>th</sup> Breakfast with Ralph at Egg & I from 8-9 a.m., the topic is Development. Monday Gigi's appointments 2-4 p.m. Are available, call Ralph's office to set up an appointment, 673-2210. Happy Hour with Ralph is the last Friday at Leaning Tower of Pizza. Questions about Uptown Hotel's presentation at ECCO and there was no neighborhood opposition. Midtown Land Use Proposal will probably pass the city council; Gary Schiff and Ralph have offered amendments. Restaurant Miami between Colfax and Bryant on Lake has opened.

**CARAG By-Laws Review** Rick Bojko (Update) The CARAG Constitution & Bylaws Revision Working Group has made the straight forward changes with typographical corrections and updates for clarity and readability. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 7 p.m. To 8:30 p.m. At Bryant Square Park in Meeting Room B. Contact Rick Bojko for questions, [rjb5@cornell.edu](mailto:rjb5@cornell.edu), the revised bylaws are on carag.org's website.

**Zoning & Land Use Committee Report** Aaron Rubenstein [Aaron to provide text for this report]

**Adjourn** (Vote) Approved.

\*Park closes at 9:00pm

CARAG Stroll Patrol

### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

- \* CARAG Chilly Chili Fest Sunday, February 25, 2007 12:30-3:00pm @ Bryant Square Park
- \* Next CARAG Neighborhood Meeting Tuesday, March 20, 2007 7pm @ Bryant Square Park