

CARAG

Calhoun Area Residents Action Group Monthly Neighborhood Meeting Minutes JULY 17, 2007

Subject to Approval at the August 2007 CARAG Meeting

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

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) Council Member Remington will not make a report tonight. Howard Verson proposed that we discuss the lights on 32nd and 33rd Streets and Lyndale and postpone the Restaurant Miami issue to the August CARAG meeting because the city will be holding another neighborhood meeting/hearing on Restaurant Miami in the next few weeks.

Approve Consent Agenda (Howard Verson)

- Treasurer's Report: (Jill Bode) CARAG has \$11,444.16 in the bank account and \$7,106.80 in asset accounts. Total balance as of 6-30-07 is \$18,550.96. The Uptown Neighborhood News Profit for the month of May was \$3,573.70. Approve & Sign Minutes, Howard Verson (Vote) Approved

Uptown Association (Maude Lovelle) Maude Lovell, UA's new executive director, introduced herself. CARAG was offered a free membership to the UA as were the other connecting neighborhoods in Uptown. The 44th Annual Uptown Art Fair is almost upon us and there are new elements such as an Art Auction with "local celebrities", with all proceeds going to Arts and Music programs in Minneapolis Public Schools, and Tomorrow's Stars Seen Today with a youth show and auction.

NRP Updates, Scott Engel

- Committee Updates, NRP Phase II kickoff will be this fall.

Lyndale Avenue Signals at 32nd and 33rd, Howard Verson (update) Aaron Rubenstein presented a draft statement opposing the removal of the traffic signal lights on 33rd and Lyndale. Resolution was slightly edited and approved by vote of 17-1.

CARAG By-Laws Review Rick Bojko (Update) The CARAG Constitution & Bylaws Revision Working Group has worked on the fifth round of changes. Draft #6 presented with a Recommended Changes and a draft with the changes highlighted and a clean copy of a proposed constitution. Contact Rick Bojko for questions, rjb5@cornell.edu, the current constitution and bylaws are posted at www.carag.org. The changes will be reviewed at the August CARAG Meeting.

Zoning Committee Report Aaron Rubenstein (Update)

Snap Fitness (Update) The Planning Commission approved August 16 a conditional use permit for 24-hour operation for Snap Fitness on Lagoon Avenue in the Lumen building.

Uptown Small Area Plan (Update) There were questions and discussion about the small area plan and issues it's addressing. The final community meeting is scheduled for September 13, at which the draft plan will be presented. It's important for people to participate and attend. Lots more info on the city's website.

Community Input & Announcements (Update) National Night Out is Tuesday, August 7th. Fremont between 32nd and 33rd will be closed off. Minneapolis Park Board Comprehensive plan meetings are being held, public invited. Motion: Gay Noble will write a letter opposing the short comment period that she will forward to the Board for their submission to the Mpls Park Board, motion approved.

New Business – Gay Noble asked for a resolution to request from the City for research and comment on asphalt outgassing and heat island effect of the change from cement on our streets and alleys. Motion withdrawn, but will be put on next month's agenda.

Adjourn (Vote) Approved.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

*Next CARAG Neighborhood Meeting Tuesday, August 21, 2007 7pm @ Bryant Square Park