

CARAG
Calhoun Area Residents Action Group
Monthly Neighborhood Meeting Minutes
JUNE 19, 2007

Subject to Approval at the June 2007 CARAG Meeting

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

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)

Crime & Safety MPD Update: (Tom Thompson/Marie Przynski) 5th Precinct Report: A few weeks ago, the City Council approved money for additional police personnel. In cooperation with the Uptown Association there will be more officers on the streets on weekends from 9 pm to 3 am. Two rookie classes are graduating in July and August and they will be involved with training. The most common burglary involves unlocked or open doors, especially garages. The robberies at 32nd and Girard involved violent acts, and occurred at Thursday 12:45 am and Friday at 2:15 am involving single individuals who had imbibed with alcohol. Thomas.thompson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us and marie.przynski@ci.minneapolis.mn.us 673-5595

Consent Agenda (Howard Verson) Consent Agenda was approved.

- Treasurer's Report: (Jill Bode) CARAG has \$11,435.28 in the bank account and \$7,106.80 in asset accounts. Total balance as of 5-31-07 is \$18,542.08. The Uptown Neighborhood News Profit & Loss for the month of May was \$381.85. Approve & Sign Minutes, Howard Verson (Vote) May minutes approved as amended.

CARAG Operations Treasurer's Report, Jill Bode

- Preliminary CARAG FY08 Budget (Update)
- MAP for Nonprofits Membership (Vote). This is a nonprofit management support organization that would provide services to CARAG and the UNN. The motion was to have CARAG pay for a year long subscription, between \$200 and a limit of \$300, to MAPS and CARAG requests that the UNN pay for half of the amount. Motion passed.
- Hennepin Lake Community Wine Tasting (Update) CARAG sold 114 tickets and we will get a portion of the door receipts.

Bryant Square Park Update, Julie Sandin. Ice Cream Social is July 11th, 6-8 pm, the baseball team is undefeated at 11-0, the Bryant Square Bicycle Club is starting up with rides around the neighborhood for kids on Wednesday nights at 7 pm.

Council Member Remington's Report (Kim Malrick) Monthly Email Newsletter sign-up is available. Monday Gigi's appointments 2-4 pm 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, 5:30 to 6:30. Restaurant Miami public hearing Monday, June 25th. Minneapolis Public Works is proposing to remove the traffic lights at 32nd and 33rd on Lyndale. As the lights are not warranted by the traffic counts, Hennepin County will not help to pay for them, so if the city wants to have them they have to pay 100% for them to go forward. A Public Meeting is being held June 28th at Painter Park at 6:30 pm in the evening. The City is studying the future of neighborhood funding through a community engagement task force. For more information contact the Community Engagement Coordinator Jennifer Amundson, 673-3163. The aggressive solicitation ordinance passed last week.

Harmony for Life, Mari Tankenoff/Scott Berger They offer coaching, consulting and counseling. They are CARAG residents and have their office at 3249 Hennepin. www.harmonyforlife.com

5th Annual Pizza Luce Block Party, Laura Saturday, August 11th, Noon to 10 p.m. 10 bands with breaks, Kids area, Roller Girls will have a dunk tank again to raise funds for the Crisis Center.

NRP Updates, Scott Engel

- NRP Phase I Evaluation (Vote) Motion made to approve the evaluation document. Motion passed.

- Committee Updates

CARAG By-Laws Review Rick Bojko (Update) The CARAG Constitution & Bylaws Revision Working Group has worked on the fifth round of changes. Getting close to the end. Removal of a Board Member – should it be the CARAG neighborhood or the CARAG Board who votes on this? Replacement of a Board Member due to either removal or resignation should be determined by the CARAG neighborhood or the CARAG Board? There was discussion of these questions. Contact Rick Bojko for questions, rjb5@cornell.edu, the current constitution and bylaws are posted at www.carag.org. The next Working Group meeting is Monday, July 9th 7-8:30 pm at Bryant Square Park.

Zoning Committee Report Aaron Rubenstein (Update) Zoning Committee meeting is Thursday, July 5th 7 pm at Bryant Square Park. Public hearing for proposed 2:00 a.m. closing for Restaurant Miami is Monday, June 25, 6 p.m. at Painter Park. Uptown Small Area Plan community meeting is Wednesday, June 27, 7 to 9 p.m. at Calhoun Square.

Community Input & Announcements (Update) CARAG did volunteer for the City Pages Beer Fest popcorn booth and we made \$97. During this festival, with Hennepin closed, traffic backed up to Emerson and traffic could not turn onto that street.

Adjourn (Vote) Approved.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

* Next CARAG Neighborhood Meeting Tuesday, July 17, 2007 7pm @ Bryant Square Park