

CARAG

Calhoun Area Residents Action Group Monthly Neighborhood Meeting Minutes October 16, 2007 (Revised 11/19/07)

Board Members Attending: Kay Graham, Ellan Meyer, Jamie Ronnei, Dan Qualy, Aaron Rubenstein, Howard Verson, Pete Scherling, Bill Morton

Presentations:

Crime and Safety-Tom Thompson and Marie Przynski-MPD (update)
9/9 to 10/15 - no crimes reported. Burglaries up 30% over last year. Mostly unlocked doors, garages, bikes left out. Motor vehicle thefts continue.
Comments made to invite landlords to "crime and safety" meetings, held at Urban Bean on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30. Latest statistics to be mailed to Scott by the end of the month.

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion approved ~~Move~~ to postpone until November meeting a vote on selecting the Midtown Greenway Coalition and Uptown Neighborhood News representatives committee members.
Corrections to the Annual Neighborhood Meeting on September 18 proposed by Aaron Rubenstein. Pete Scherling to amend and send copies out.

Business Meeting

Ralph Remington's Report

- City street light plan is in process. Proposal to add the fee on residential bills, discussing heights, type of lights used.
- NRP Report to come out 10/18, as to future focus, governance. It can be viewed on ch.79 or the weCity budget for '08-input needed by mid-December.
- Legislative Agenda-He will take concerns to the Legislature in January. Needs in-put by mid-December.
- Concerns expressed about Restaurant Miami's compliance with of the 70/30 food/beverage rule. If concerns continue to call Ralph" office:

Michael Boe-Community Librarian, Walker(Update)

Michael discussed the varied services and programs that the Walker Library offers. The Uptown Neighborhood News prints the latest activities.

Amanda Arnold-City Planner-Discussion of the Uptown Small Area Plan
45 day comment period continues until November 21. Concerns expressed;

inconsistencies, clarifying the balance between business and residential, defining medium density and parking issues.

Scott Engel- Treasurer's Report [NRP Updates](#)

- Received only \$300 from the pop booth at the Uptown Art Fair. However, the Wine Tasting Event brought in over \$5000!!!!

- [Move Motion approved](#) to approve accounting procedures. Anna Matthes and Kay Graham are

approved to sign checks for the UNN. Anna, Kay and Howard Verson are approved for signing on the Carag and NRP acct.

- Bremer Bank is approved as the official bank.

- A "conflict of interest" policy was also approved. Members of the CARAG Board, CARAG committees and members representing CARAG should read and complete the form.

- Scott Engel also reported the UNN-CARAG had a net loss of \$216.45 for September and overall CARAG account balances as of 9/30/07 were \$21,883.

NRP Update; [Scott Engel](#)

- Phase 2 Participation Document-Motion to increase to 9 members and no less than 5 to be publicized in the November UNN. Exploratory phase approved.

- [Six CARAG Board members have agreed to participate on the NRP Steering Committee: Kay Graham, Dan Qualy, James Ronnei, Aaron Rubenstein, Howard Verson, Ellan Meyer.](#)

- [Proposal to reallocate \\$82,668 from various NRP Full Action Plan strategies to Strategy 22.1 Implementation to fund future administrative costs for the CARAG organization. The CARAG membership will be asked to vote on this issue at the December CARAG Neighborhood Meeting once the required 30-day notification is complete.](#)

- NRP [Policy Board](#) Elections: CARAG needs [to select a](#) resident elector to select representative for NRP policies board. [The elector selects o](#)One for "at large" member and one for "revitalization on 11/15 6:30 to 9 PM to hear candidate forums. [CARAG chose David Peterson as their elector. No alternate was chosen.](#)

- Kay Graham reported that there is a group forming to save the NRP. They will meet at 12 noon at the Duplex on 10/17.

Aaron Rubenstein-Zoning Committee Update-Meeting on 10/23 at 6:30 to discuss

- Calhoun Square development and ramp rebuilding.

-Howard Verson gave updates on business in the area:

1010 West Lake Street strip center wants to add 3 stories to the existing structure.

-Cafe Limon wants to move into the Corner Store property and wants to reduce parking and have extended late nite hours.

-Lumen Bldg.-New yoga studio desires a variance of 26 parking spaces.

-Greco Inc. has acquired Acme Tag site and is proposing an 8 story apt. building.

Adjourn (Vote)