

CARAG
Calhoun Area Residents Action Group
Annual Meeting Minutes
SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

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

Presentations

- Introductions & Announcements, Howard Verson
- Greeting & update from State Senator Scott Dibble
- Featured Guest: Mayor RT Rybak
- Council Member Remington's Update
- Calhoun Square Redevelopment: Jim Larson & Carol Lansing from the development firm who has managed and will be developing the property. The property transitioned to the new owners on August 1st. The company wants to work with the community and will be having meetings open to the public for input on their re-design thoughts.

Elections

- CARAG Board Nominations. Last month nominations were made for Aaron Rubenstein, Howard Verson, Anna Matthes, Bill Morton, Ellan Meyer and Dan Qualy. Nominations were made at the September meeting for Kay Nygaard-Graham, Peter Sherling, Jamie Ronei.
- 9-Member Board Election (Discussion & Vote) Nominations approved unanimously by acclamation.

Business Meeting

- Approve Consent Agenda
 - Meeting Agenda
 - Approve and sign minutes
- Treasurer's Report
 - CARAG Operations Account Financial Report and FY08 Budget approved, Jill Bode, Motion approved to change the Joyce Food Shelf donation to zero and raise the donations from \$87.50 to \$100 for Midtown Greenway Coalition, SW Senior Center and EcoMinds and keep the Chili Chili Fest proceeds going to the Joyce Food Shelf (estimated to be \$525 in 2008) CARAG has \$12,660.73 in the bank account and \$7,187.20 in asset accounts. Total balance as of August 31st is \$19,847.93.
 - Uptown Neighborhood News Financial Report & FY08 Budget, Anna Matthes, The Uptown Neighborhood News Profit for the month of August was \$1,393.01. FY2008 Budget presented and approved.
- NRP Updates, Scott Engel
 - FY2008 Administrative Contract Budget (Vote) Approved.
 - Phase II Participation Agreement (Discussion)
 - Break In Lake Design Concept, looks like we can have 5 boulevard trees in the island (at Lake and Dupont). Cheers for more Greening!
 - Committees Updates
- CARAG By-Laws Review, Rick Bojko, two edits identified and those amendments were accepted. A motion to end discussion was passed. A motion to approve changes was made, motion passed 21-0.
- Zoning Committee Report, Aaron Rubenstein
 - Committee Updates. Nothing happening with the former Al's Plumbing space. Uptown Small Area Plan meetings tomorrow. Final draft of plan to be released around October 1 for 45-day public comment period. It could go to full council in January or February. Calhoun Square plans for redevelopment could go to city council in October or November for approvals.
- Adjourn (Vote)

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

CARAG Architecture & Preservation Tour: Tour of Historic Garages & Carriage Houses, Saturday, October 13th, 2007, Meet @ 1:00 p.m., Bryant Square Park

Next CARAG Neighborhood Meeting, 3rd Tuesday every month, October 16th, 7:00 p.m. @ Bryant Square Park