

**CARAG Neighborhood Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 18, 2008**  
**7:00 – 9:00 p.m. @ Bryant Square Park**

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Board members present: Howard Verson, Anna Mathes, Aaron Rubenstein, Kay Graham, Jamie Ronnei, Bill Morton. Absent: Ellan Meyer, Scott Schiefelbein.

1. Kay Graham brought the meeting to order with some opening remarks.
2. Officer Marie Przynski and Tom Thomson – MPD reported the police catching a burglar who confessed to over 40 burglaries. Total crimes in the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct were down 8% for the year and burglaries were down 27% so far. They announced the 5h Precinct Open House for Thursday, May 15 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
3. The Agenda was approved.
4. Bryant Square Park director, Julie Sandin reported on upcoming park activities.
5. Kay Graham shared that there would be a Pedestrian Master Plan Open House, Wednesday, March 26 at The downtown Minneapolis Public Library from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
6. Brendan Jordan volunteered to fill a board vacancy and was elected.
7. There was a conversation about key and lock bumping, fixing up the alleys, and graffiti removal among the people present.
8. Ann Knuth presented her proposal for a new retail development at 1015 W. Lake Street. She asked for a variance to the Pedestrian Overlay District to increase the number of parking spaces from 12 to 19. A motion was made and seconded to recommend approve the parking variance. The motion carried.
9. Two neighborhood representatives were nominated and elected to represent CARAG on the Lynlake Small Area Plan. They are Aaron Rubenstein and Howard Verson.
10. The February meeting minutes were approved as written.
11. Anna Mathes presented the printed corrected January Treasurer's Report and the printed February Treasurer's Report and the printed Uptown Neighborhood News Financial Report.
12. Scott Engel presented the printed State Auditor's Report highlighting two issues: CARAG will remain aware of the segregation of functions that we are too small to meet, and will be vigilant to make timely deposits. A motion was made and carried that the CARAG Board would remain aware of these issues.
13. Kay Graham said help would be needed moving the CARAG office from its present location to the Senior Center on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Kay will organize this.
14. Aaron Rubenstein reported for the Zoning Committee that he was surprised that the Planning Commission seemed to hear objections and laid over for another month approval for the Calhoun Square development. The Commission objected to insufficient amenities, loading dock location, and the square feet allotted for retail space. Three CARAG representatives will be meeting with the people from the Calhoun Square redevelopment next week in preparation for the next hearing.
15. Scott Engel gave a printed NRP update. A motion to approve the financial spreadsheet that was part of the printed report carried.
16. Kay Graham would like CARAG to join the Lyndale and Kingfield Neighborhoods in a resolution regarding the NRP Framework for the Future. She will e-mail a resolution to the Board for approval, as it must be done immediately.

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17. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

(This document is a draft subject to approval at the next meeting.)

Respectfully submitted, Bill Morton, substitute secretary