

<b>General Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	
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## Meeting Specifics

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	General Membership Meeting		
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	June 14, 2008	<b>Scribe:</b>	Tamara Halliburton

## Meeting Attendees

Ernest Little	Mani Wilson
LaDonna Little	Avis Holmes
Ora Bolden	William Smith
Diane Perkins	Stephanie Miller
Jim Draper	Mattie Hillman
Brian St. Germaine	Yvonne Jones
Tamara Halliburton	Trish Ashburn
Toya Troupe	Doris Patrick
Rita Black	Gary Green

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The meeting started with an introduction of the meeting participants.

At 10:32, a motion was introduced to have the current offices vacated; which was seconded by Jim Draper.

Doris announced that although the neighborhood had received the notice to nominate and/or volunteer for positions on the APEB board, only two people volunteered. Tamara (Secretary) and William (At-Large Representative-Boston) were voted in for those positions.

The floor was opened for nominations for the remaining positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and two At-Large Representatives for Arden Park and one for Boston. Toya asked for descriptions of the board positions to be read. Doris read the board position descriptions from the Neighborhood Association By-Laws. Doris also informed the group that any Board Members elected 6/14 would hold their position until October 31, 2009 in order to get the terms realigned with the Association by-laws.

Nominations were re-opened for the remaining positions. Diane volunteered to be the At-Large Representative for Boston; Brian nominated Jim for the Treasurer position; Ernest and Trish volunteered to be the At-Large Representatives for Arden Park; Yvonne volunteered to be the President and nominated Mattie to be Vice President; and Doris volunteered to be President and nominated Stephanie to be Vice President. Ora volunteered to be the Financial Secretary. Paper was distributed to the meeting and Doris and Stephanie were voted in as the President and Vice President via secret ballot.

Thus, the 2008-2009 APEB Board:

Doris Patrick, President  
Stephanie Miller, Vice President  
Tamara Halliburton, Secretary  
Jim Draper, Treasurer  
Ora Bolden, Financial Secretary  
William Smith, At-Large Representative – Boston  
Diane Perkins, At-Large Representative – Boston  
Ernest Little, At-Large Representative – Arden Park  
Trish Ashburn, At-Large Representative – Arden Park

LaDonna gave an update on the \$5000 grant to conduct a historical study of Arden Park – the homes and former owners. There is a progress meeting next week (6/19) with the Skillman Foundation and the project is due by June

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30<sup>th</sup>. However, there is potential to make needed updates to the project through August 15<sup>th</sup>. Currently, there is no status available on the project. Toya, Trish, and Rita volunteered to follow up with Gar to get a status. If there is not a project available on June 30<sup>th</sup>, we will have to return the full grant. Doris suggested that we ask for an extension. Gary suggested we inform the Skillman Foundation of our board realignment as a basis for the extension. Yvonne suggested forming a committee to try to get the project done and Doris suggested creating a plan of work dedicated to getting this done in a timely fashion.

**ACTION:** Toya, LaDonna, and Rita to meet after the meeting to discuss strategy.

There was a brief mention of sending out mail notification of future meetings.

There was a brief discussion about the number of homes that are in need of landscaping and/or boarding up. Mani suggested we look into putting commercial liens against properties that the association funds the upkeep.

**ACTION:** Mani, Gary, and Ernest to meet to discuss options for cutting the lawns of some of the vacant houses in the district.

LaDonna mentioned that she discovered four \$60 checks from 2006 that needs to be deposited into the association account. Doris suggested the association make the families aware that we would be depositing their checks prior to depositing them.

Doris suggested holding monthly general membership meetings for the next six months; then revisiting the timing to determine if the group is interested in continuing to hold monthly meetings or reverting to the quarterly timing written in the by-laws.

William informed the group that there are online services available to look for land patents through the Federal Bureau of Land Management.

Ms. Holmes suggested we institute more aggressive outreach efforts in order to get greater attendance at the meetings. Gary suggested we hold the next meeting outside so our meetings would be more visible to the community. It was noted that the church will be reserved as well as a contingency in case of rain. We will have a potluck at 9:30, officially start the meeting at 10:00 am with a goal of ending at 11:30am. There will be an agenda included on the meeting notice.

Because the Arden Park community has been including in the Central Woodward LISC, LaDonna has been attending the meetings. A safety coordinator has been assigned to the neighborhood and has been consolidating safety and crime information. To assist, we are developing a list of abandoned/vacant houses. Yvonne has already completed the assessment of Arden Park and Doris has agreed to do the same for Boston. Yvonne found four vacant houses and four abandoned properties. Vacant is defined as not being open to entry and the landscaping is being maintained. Abandoned is defined as being open to entry and the landscaping is not being maintained. Additionally, Skillman is investing \$100M in the neighborhood (North End) and are planning to open two schools in the area. One will be in the Science Center and the second at Youngsville (grades 8-12 with leadership coming from Plymouth Church on Forest and Russell). LaDonna mentioned it is important for members of the community to attend these meetings so Arden Park has a voice in decisions in how to best serve the community. The Community Relations Group meetings are also important; which are held at 6:30pm on third Tuesday of each month (no meetings in July or August) at the Central District Headquarters.

The Knight Foundation is providing training for the un/under employed. People can report to the Russell Street Baptist Church and get work as day laborers. There are a variety of positions available; from administrative to labor.

The next general membership meeting will be held on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12pm.