

## Dixieland Neighborhood Association

September 15, 2009

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Interim President Mic Gunderson at 6:30 pm. Those present were asked to introduce themselves and indicate the street where they lived and how long they had lived in the Dixieland area.

Karen Moore reviewed the history of the Dixieland Historic Neighborhood Association dating back to the early 1990s. Earlier this summer five neighborhood residents formed a Steering Committee to re-activate the neighborhood association that had not met in more than a year.

Mic Gunderson reviewed the proposed by-laws which were drafted by the Steering Committee. It was their goal to have the association inclusive, interesting and fun to as many people in the neighborhood as possible. Copies of the draft by-laws were distributed and will be voted on at the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mary Smith discussed the establishment of interim officers until an election is held in January at the neighborhood meeting. Interim officers are:

1. President – Mic Gunderson
2. President Elect – Mary Smith
3. Treasure – Karen Moore
4. Secretary – Rebecca Whitcomb (volunteered after the meeting)
5. Chairperson of the Activities Committee – vacant (The Board will serve until a volunteer steps up to serve.)
6. Chairperson of the Marketing and Membership Committee – Faye Moore
7. Chairperson of the Businesses Committee – Cyndi Green (volunteered after the meeting)
8. Chairperson of the Improvements Committee – Rick Perez

The former treasurer, Janet LaFond reported that there is approximately \$350 in the Dixieland checking account. The Church has asked for a small donation to cover the cost of electricity for the monthly meetings held in their fellowship room. Florida Presbyterian Homes cannot accommodate the association meetings and potlucks as they did in the past at the MacArthur Center.

With the availability of computers and internet, the Steering Committee hopes that much of the communication among residents as well as the business of the neighborhood association can be handled via the neighborhood website.

Everyone was encouraged to join at <http://groups.google.com/group/dixielandneighborhood> A demonstration of the website will be presented to the group at the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Email will be used for other communications whenever possible.

Upcoming goals and activities were discussed. Some ideas mentioned:

1. Refurbish/relocate existing neighborhood identification signs
2. Pedestrian and bicycle safety
3. Traffic calming and sidewalks
4. Neighborhood picnic at Dobbins Park
5. Historic bungalow tour
6. Walking or jogging groups

It was also suggested that no refreshments be served since meetings will be limited to one hour.

Tamara Sakagawa from City staff gave an update on plans for improvements and projects in the Dixieland CRA - our business district along S. Florida Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

