

BelAir Neighborhood Board Meeting Minutes

1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.

October 1, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.

6:30pm Bylaws:

Attendance: Jeanne Greene, Sharon Bushouse, Wayne Harmon, Mike Radtke, Melanie Thomson Legendre, Virginia Anders, J Brown

Current Bylaws discussion

DEFINITIONS:

general meeting

special meeting

7-day written notice: A written notice of a general meeting means one delivered either by newsletter, flier, electronically sent, or a combination thereof, or by any reasonable method as determined by the board.

Article 3, section 3: absentee voting – exception for board members

Mike says: Administering absentee voting is messy. Why have it? If someone wants to participate, he or she will be there.

J: When was it last used? The box has been outside on Jeanne's porch for the last two elections, and has received only one ballot.

After discussion, the committee is in general agreement that the absentee voting element is not needed, but J and Melanie see no reason to strike it yet, either.

Article 4: Meetings: The provision reads as the general neighborhood will have three meetings per calendar year.

Mike: organizational issue – each section has its own description, which is unnecessarily complicated.

Section 1: Three general meetings per year

General meeting definition: The entire neighborhood is invited to attend, with a 7-day written advance notice to every household and business owner within the BelAir boundaries of 15th to 19th Avenues, Indian School Road north to the canal.

October 2012 BelAir Board meeting

Call to order 7pm

Review of September BA board meeting minutes:

J made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sharon seconded and the board approved them.

Treasurer's report: Virginia made a motion to approve the report as presented. Melanie seconded and the board approved the minutes.

Mike: Since the board did not vote to publish the September treasurer's report on the BelAir website, Mike felt compelled to present a formal motion to publish the current and future Treasurer's reports online. J seconded and the board approved the motion.

Committee reports:

G.A.I.N. Event: Jeanne: The AZ Center for the Blind normally charges \$150 per hour, with a three-hour minimum. Because we are a neighborhood organization, they will make their shredding services available to us for \$275, for 2 hours. Jeanne will verify the service. Virginia will post a notice as soon as Jeanne lets her know they were confirmed. The truck will be available from 6pm – 8pm, during the G.A.I.N. event, October 20.

Fire truck – Wayne spoke with the fire department representative, and confirmed that it will be onsite at about 6:45pm for 30 minutes, barring any unforeseen need. His department contact is Ira Bubby.

Costume contest – Melanie will be ready and will also judge the contest.

Ice cream social – Juanita may provide ice cream donations from a local vendor. Otherwise we will purchase ice cream from board funds set aside for the event.

J said that for future Block Watch grant requests, we can request funding to block off a street, and to rent portable street lights. In the meantime, BW grant funding will cover facility rental fees, the tables and chairs, which we will rent from the church for the event.

The board members will gather at 5:30pm on the 20th in the American Evangelical Lutheran Church parking lot. Jeanne will remind the board of the time a week in advance of the event.

Crime Prevention: Virginia

The committee has only had one ride-around in the last month, due to scheduling difficulties for us. Sharon noted she has seen new graffiti in the outskirts of the neighborhood. J reminded us that the City of Phoenix reimburses mileage.55/mile with an invoice presented.

BlockWatch grant: J Brown

We have a large credit with APS. We have \$4500 allotted from the 2012 account, which reads as \$1500/quarter.

Insurance: As of the current cycle, the neighborhoods are only allotted \$400 per grant cycle by the City of Phoenix for insurance, which doesn't cover even a basic policy, currently about \$600/year, as indicated by the agent, Kelly, with Bowman and Associates. We are beyond that now, so we need to find a new policy by the October 20 GAIN event. Melanie made a motion to purchase liability insurance for the period of 2012 – 2013, using the BW grant \$400 and up to \$250 from the BelAir account. Sharon seconded the motion, and the board approved the funds.

J will complete and e-mail to the board a quarterly report form for the BWG for the City of Phoenix this week for review. He needs to mail it by Friday, October 5.

Newsletter: Virginia and Melanie - Mike requested that they generate an invoice of the ads status: what is paid and unpaid and the businesses represented. Melanie will update her current spreadsheet format to track monthly balances. Mike will maintain the formal version of the advertisers' account balances for the board.

Do we want a monthly or a bi-monthly newsletter? The board felt a bi-monthly publication would be best, and less stressful to produce.

Melanie: How about neighborhood pet profiles? This might generate enthusiasm for the newsletter, and would be fun to prepare. Melanie and Virginia also want to do profiles of the newsletter carriers, which would honor their volunteer efforts. The board was interested in both ideas.

Website update: The board had expressed general concern regarding a measure of miscommunication about the management of the BelAir website. In order to resolve this confusion, and establish a set of basic policies concerning the website, a separate meeting was held a week ago between key individuals. The result was a clarification of communications and management of this neighborhood resource.

Outstanding issue: The board is still uneasy about the lack of security safeguards used by NeighborhoodLink, the online community newsletter platform which hosts many neighborhood newsletters.

DUMPSTERS: Jeanne talked with Lisa in Neighborhood Services about scheduling a pair of dumpsters to be set up at opposite ends of the neighborhood for household bulk trash clean-up.

She has requested this to happen by the end of October. The City's next bulk trash service is scheduled for November, but we would like to have a separate day, as we have done before.

There will be a city-wide event called Wipe-it-Out – a coordinated graffiti removal program, on November 3. The City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services department will provide paint, gloves, and brushes to any neighborhood registering for the event.

Old Business: Mike can only read files sent to him by e-mail in PDF format. Jeanne will send the new list of BelAir board members to him as a PDF file.

Melanie moved to adjourn the meeting. Sharon seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned: 9:06 pm.

Next Board Meeting: November 5 at 6:30 p.m.

American Evangelical Lutheran Church, Modular Unit

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