

BelAir Neighborhood Bylaws and Board Meeting **FULL**

September 10, 2012 – 6:42 p.m.

1835 W. Glenrosa Ave.

Attendance: J Brown, Sharon Bushouse, Melanie Legendre, Jeanne Greene, Virginia Anders, Wayne Harmon, Juanita Soto-Ayers, and visitors new neighbor Brandy and her baby son, Alexander

Bylaws -

Article 3 section is about neighborhood boundaries for voting:

Who is eligible to vote? Do we want to include a renter, owner or property owners, business owners?

I representative from each household and business owner

Single family: with semi-adult children A property might generate as many votes as live in the household.

Requirements for voting: All adults, 18 years of age or older, shall have one vote if they live within the BelAir boundaries. One person/one vote?

Section 3: Absentee voting: may submit a ballot to a member of the board.

Absentee ballots must indicate the name of the voting member, the date voted, and the candidate.

The “optional” indication shall not appear on the absentee ballot. The voter must be present to present an “optional” candidate.

The committee decided to keep this section as is for now.

For next bylaws discussion:

The first three sections of general meetings, special meetings and other meetings.

BOARD MEETING

July BelAir board meeting minutes: Since there were no additions or corrections offered regarding the draft version, Melanie made a motion to approve the July 2012 minutes as they currently appear online. Wayne seconded the motion. The board approved the motion.

Treasurer's Report – There were no changes needed for this report, so the report was approved as presented.

Committees:

Jeanne has secured access to the church parking lot for the October BelAir GAIN event on October 20th.

Discussion: A spaghetti dinner draws people to the event, but is a lot of work, and draws people who are not BelAir neighbors. Jeanne offered an alternative suggestion of an ice cream social, which was approved by the board, to be held from 7pm – 9 pm that evening.

The board discussed the possibility of hosting a shred-a-thon at the same time, to bring out our neighbors to the event. Jeanne will research vendors for truck-based shredding services. Virginia suggested we check with other neighborhoods to see who they may have used . Wayne will check on

reserving a fire truck to park in the church lot for the kids to climb in.

Enhancement committee - Melanie will manage the costume contest that day.

Funding the G.A.I.N. event: Sharon requested the board set aside \$150 from the general fund for GAIN event expenses. The board approved the expenditure.

Virginia was reminded to announce the G.A.I.N. event in the October newsletter, and write a special alert/announcement to deliver to the BA houses.

Thinking ahead: Do we want to celebrate the upcoming Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday season with a cookie exchange? Do we want luminarias this year for Christmas Eve? If we do, we will need more volunteers to prepare and distribute them. Last year was a lot of work for our small committee. We will bring up these questions at the G.A.I.N. Event.

Crime Prevention Committee – Virginia Anders

Virginia and Sharon will take a ride-around tomorrow afternoon. The heat and various other disruptions prevented the committee from doing any ride-arounds in August.

Block Watch Grant committee – J Brown

Does he need to come to the board for every expense? No, because there were some expenses already approved last year, such as office supplies.

We currently have \$400 insurance coverage. J would like to see how competitive this rate really is.

Melanie made a motion to give J permission to see what our current agent can find for us that is a competitive rate, and that if what she finds is not satisfactory, that J be allowed to find another agent. Sharon seconded her motion, and the board approved the action.

J Brown made a motion that we continue the expenditures of the current amounts to the CopyWorks printer, Alpha Insurance services for liability insurance, APS for dusk-to-dawn lighting, PNP fuel reimbursement for the ride-arounds, website hosting, Constant Contact e-mail service, and paper shredding services, all expenses which are currently grant-authorized items.

Juanita seconded the motion. The board approved these expenses.

Grant expenses:

Constant Contact expense – website/hosting newsletter. \$222.96 yearly cost, which is for online connections, such as sending out the newsletter online to the mailing list of those who would prefer to receive it online rather than as a hard copy.

Neighborhood Link – A neighbor has paid for the premium website format (\$120.00), with the intent of selling ads. As a board we had already voted not to continue the premium service. There is an ad posted on the website now, for Smarty Pants, for which the merchant apparently paid \$60. The board needs to clarify how long the ad is for: a month, six months, or a year? We need to honor the intent of the business owner to advertise with the BelAir neighborhood, though the status of the website is unresolved.

Jeanne had spoken with Susan Eisenhower at Neighborhood Link in July about not continuing the premium form. She did not say we did not want the service, just not the premium version. Jeanne's understanding was that the website would revert to the original free version.

J made a motion that Jeanne contact Neighborhood Link again to find out the public accessibility and security of the website. For instance, how do they verify that they are talking with a current board member of a neighborhood association? This motion did not require a board vote because all in attendance agreed to the action. In the meantime, J will contact the neighbor and clarify that the board already voted not to use the premium service, as expressed in the July 2012 BA board minutes.

Newsletter/website committee

The September 2012 issue of the BA newsletter has been created, published, and distributed. Kudos to Melanie for securing the ads and to Aaron for his technical support in the process of creating the newsletter. Kudos to Wayne and Virginia Harmon, Frank Yesinski, J Brown, Sharon Bushouse, Aaron and Abby Legendre, Traci Andes, Doug Stanton, and Juanita for delivering newsletters!

Virginia made a motion to follow through on the purchase of Microsoft Publisher through Juanita Soto-Ayers' full-time faculty discount at the Phoenix College bookstore. The experiment with the OpenOffice publisher was too problematic to serve as a continuing source for newsletter formatting. The board approved this purchase. Juanita said she would purchase it tomorrow.

New Business: The Yard-of-the-Quarter voting site is up on Melanie's laptop and ready for the board to vote on the candidates at the end of the meeting.

We need a new BA board member directory.

Sherry Thoms moved out of the neighborhood, so is no longer a member of the BA board. Gracie Rodriguez has neither attended nor contacted Jeanne Greene since the one meeting she did attend.

Sharon B made a motion to end the meeting. Melanie seconded. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:44 pm

Next board meeting: October 1, 2012 6:30pm 1835 W. Glenrosa Ave.