



MINUTES FOR SHA BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 11th 2014

Minutes of the last Board meeting: postponed until the next Board meeting.

Treasurer's report: Karen handed over financial books to Aaron as well as digital files. Aaron will start a wave software account so that future reports, etc. can be more easily produced. Current balance on November 7th is \$9,064.45, however there are some outstanding checks of nearly \$1,000 to come out of that.

Park Steward funding grants: Karen reported our first grant was through the partnership for parks grants administered by Parks and People foundation and Rec and Parks. Money for park stewardships will now be administered by Rec and Parks, Karen has contacted them about wanting to continue the program. All agreed the park looks so much better thanks to John Crimy's good work. Current funding should see John through to the new year on a reduced time schedule as the winter sets in.

Special Christmas event at Saint Marys' Spiritual Center on the Feast of St Nicholas, December 6th at 6 p.m. All residents are invited to this free inaugural concert of *Songs of Advent and Christmas* featuring the choir of Mount Calvary Church under the direction of John Belkot. Light refreshments will be served at 7 p.m. after the concert.

SHA Holiday party will be in St Mary's Park building, Tuesday December 9th from 7 until 8.30 p.m. Please bring a dish and/or drinks to share with community members and celebrate a good year with your neighbors.

Changes in residential parking hours: Plans move forward to change parking regulations in Seton Hill to better benefit residents. We need residential input at a meeting with City parking officials. They are unable to make a Tuesday night at 7 p.m. It was proposed to keep to a regular SHA 2nd Tuesday night, but meet earlier at the officials convenience. Dawnn will confirm if they can attend January 13th or February 10th.

Problem properties project in Seton Hill: Linda Harrington from Healthy Neighborhoods contacted SHA re conducting a vacant properties inventory to be included in a spread sheet along with properties in Bolton Hill, Mnt Vernon and Madison Park. 4 priority properties will be selected from each neighborhood to be targeted by code enforcement lawyers for improvements.

Seton Hill Arts café: Due to poor weather this year at the French Fair, *Art on the Fence* moved inside the park building and became the *Café des Artistes*. It was suggested this could become a continuing event. Aaron proposed SHA set this up with different local artists, every last Friday of the month, when the park hosts the gathering for the Bike Party. SHA would sell refreshments and proceeds split between the SHA and Bike Party.

SHA meeting schedule for 2015: SHA will keep alternating Board and General meetings on the second Tuesday of the month from 7-8 p.m. A schedule will be produced to hand out at the Holiday party and will be posted to the website and on facebook.

Healthy neighborhoods projects: SHA has been invited to apply for 2 types of grants:

1. A block projects grant should make an immediate physical improvement on a target block or tie closely to a target block strategy, they should involve residents in planning, implementation, and on-going maintenance and have a 20 year life. The maximum project amount is \$5,000.
2. The Healthy Neighborhoods Capital Project grant can be utilized to make physical improvements in the community that will increase the visibility and marketability of the neighborhood, and forge social connections among the residents. Projects must be for capital improvements with an expected life of at least 20 years. Projects are limited to \$20,000. Kevin, Dawnn and Karen have discussed several potential projects, but SHA is open to other ideas. Planning is needed now to apply next year.

Trees: SHA conducted a survey of all tree wells in the neighborhood earlier this year. It's time to plan for Spring planting with the City and confirm if they will undertake stump removal or whether Seton Hill has to get this done. It was suggested to the City arborist that we try to have a signature Cherry tree for the neighborhood, or at least suggested species to replace the many current "weed" trees.

Increased water bill charges: The new Storm water fee applied to our bills adds up to a significant increase in cost per year. As a community we can organize a short duration (less than 1 day), volunteer-based activity, targeted at our park or neighborhood, that will have a specific outcome that will directly improve water quality. Both a community cleanup, or a tree planting of approximately 30 trees, would count for a Participation Credit to reduce bills. This could be planned for Spring 2015.

City Circulator in Seton Hill: As the City plans to expand the circulator network it was proposed Seton Hill invite them to present at a meeting and consider a stop near us.

Other business: Kevin represents SHA at monthly State Center meetings. Kevin attended a Department of Transportation meeting re proposed change from one-way to two-way traffic on Calvert and St. Paul Streets. Bryan and Kevin participated in the Mayor and community leaders telecon re City Police initiative to be more responsive to community concerns with Police violence.

Bryan and Kevin had a meeting with new Councilman Eric Costello to apprise him of our neighborhood's priorities. Consequent to this meeting, SHA will gather supporting documents regarding meetings and agreements re Orchard Mews some six years ago. If improvement is not made quickly the Association will move to have the property labeled a drug nuisance property.

Meeting adjourned 7.12 p.m.

Attendees: Karen French, Father John Kemper, Aaron Greenlun, Dawnn McCleary, Tom Pisanic and Wayne.