

Dimond Improvement Association Minutes for February 12, 2015

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. chaired by Chris Harper.

Attendees: Zandile Christian, Joey Smith, JoAnn Tracht-Rawson, Craig Flanery, Julie Johnson, Karen Marie Schroeder, Fran Donohue, David Coleman, Robert Raburn

Absentees: Daniel Swafford, Victoria Wake, Michael Dailey, Tito Tayco

Guests: Adam Simons(district 4 office) and Cali Kamala

January minutes approved:

New board member Marion Mills approved after some discussion. Craig Flanery motioned that she be approved and JoAnn seconded the motion.

Past taxes still need to be finished. They will be completed by Iryna Accountancy Corporation.

Citibank account needs to be closed and a letter written to their headquarters.

List serve will change from LMI to Google by March 1st. Kathleen, Carol, and Chris have worked hard to produce this change with the support of Mike Dobson. Mike has agreed to help members of the list serve change over if they need help. This system will be easier to moderate and is user friendly.

April 1st will be nomination and election night for the Dimond Improvement Association board. JoAnn and Karen Marie will talk with board members and potential board members and finalize the ballot.

The February 18th general meeting will be chaired by JoAnn and feature Jack Stewart discussing his new restaurant in the former Champion Street fire house. In addition, there will be an appeal for community volunteers from various groups, such as Friends of Sausal Creek, Keep Dimond Clean and Sequoia School.

June 9th will be Dimond Night Out. Maybe any money we make will be donated to Keep Dimond Clean. Daniel might be willing to chair this event.

Cali from the Hive discussed the need for more surveillance cameras as there has been increased crime against the business area.

There will be a Meet and Greet night at the Hive on March 21st. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. this will be a time for business owners and locals to talk together.

Adam Simons reminded us of the Local Heroes Award to be on February 28th beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Allendale Recreation Center. The Lion Dance will go along MacArthur in the Laurel District stopping at various businesses.

There will also be a Citywide clean up by district. District Four might focus on the Coolidge area and the shopping area with Loard's Ice Cream. This will be monitored by the Mayor's office.

Rocky's Market will reopen in March.

Zandile reported on NCPC steering committee. They still need several more members on the committee, but they have gained two new members. A film on Racial Justice will be shown at Dimond Library on April 4th.

JoAnn reported for DPA. She is working on a contract for Querido to complete the electrical boxes on the corner at Wells Fargo Bank. Debbie Koppman's mosaic river has begun on the wall on Champion. The community can join in the work on Tuesday afternoons, and Saturdays at noon.

Keep Dimond Clean volunteers continue to clean Saturday mornings at nine and Wednesday mornings at 8:30. Funding comes from \$5,000 from DIA and \$5,000 From DB&PA. There is still around \$6,000 in the Friends of Oakland Park and Recreation fund for this purpose. It should last until 2016,

Joey presented some information on the status of real estate in Dimond. There are interested buyers for several of the businesses. Litigation on Block Buster is settled and news will be forthcoming on future development for this part of Dimond.

Mike Dobson is helping in the transformation of the List serve and JoAnn motioned that DIA allocate \$600 to Mike Dobson(compupals) for his work on the new list serve. Zandile seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Hive Parklet: Cali presented the idea of forming a parklet in the two parking spaces fronting the Hive and neighboring stores. This would be a public place of benches and tables for people to sit while enjoying food and drink from nearby businesses. The Hive would design, build, clean and insure this location. Cali would appreciate funding from both DB&PA and DIA. She sought endorsement by the DIA board.

Robert proposes that DIA endorse the construction of a two parking space parklet at 2137-2139 MacArthur, adjacent to the Hive. David seconded it. The motion passed with two abstentions.

Zandile motioned to adjourn and Fran seconded it. We adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Recorded: Karen Marie Schroeder

