

Location: Bayfront Medical (Sheen Conference Center)

Attendees: Catherine Nivens, Sharon Ewe, Aron & Alexis Kaloostian, Lisa Suprenend, Ron Motyka, Kai Warren, Adam Gyson, Guests: none today	Absent: Kathy Posey, Larry Biddle, Patricia Hohman
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Catherine handed out the agenda and mentioned that Kathy, Larry, and Patti were going to be absent. Agenda was approved and the meeting started at 7:08.

**Agenda Item: Treasurer’s Report by Alexis
Balance is \$6,031.21**

Discussion: Ron asked about a membership list .Ron said he had reread the by-laws and wondered how we kept the list. With elections coming, we need a current list.
Alexis said a Kate had recently paid dues. Alexis was going to contact Deb C. to see about other members. Some members pay by checks while others pay by Pay Pal. In that account (Pay Pal) there was \$157. Alexis talked about combining those accounts. Pay Pal didn’t list a history if the money was paid for membership or TOH, Since March there had been 5 memberships added. Our new year’s dues (2016) are due in January. Members must have paid to vote in the March elections. Dues are currently \$15.

Action: Alexis and Ron are going to work on a membership list for the election meeting. **Who and When:**

Agenda Item: Secretary’s Report by Ron Motyka

Secretary’s minutes of December’s Board mtg. were approved by email. Ron has already sent it to Debra C. with the corrections and additions made.

Ron stated that he was doing his best to email the minutes out quickly while they still were fresh in everyone’s mind. He is thankful for those board members who respond with their suggestions, additions and corrections quickly too. That way he can get a corrected and approved copy to the board members and to Debra C. for the web record in a timely fashion.

Committee Reports:

Codes	Nothing to report at this time.	Aron Kaloostian
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Action: Discussion None at this time **Who and When:**

Parks

Adam Gyson & Ron Motyka

Discussion: We will look at finishing the arbor staining and cleaning up of the section of the where a tree was removed on Saturday, January 30, 2016. Adam will send out an email requesting neighborhood help on that Saturday. We have to buy more stain to finish staining the arbors. Parks just picked up the pile of rubbish we collected during our last park clean up.

Kai mentioned that he received permission to remove two of the four signs on the Jasmine Terrace empty lot from Jeff Ritter.

Action: Email reminder **Who and When:** Adam & Ron
1/30/16 10:00 - noon

Agenda Item: **CONA** - Kathy Posey was absent.

Discussion: It was reported that Kathy has been elected the new secretary of CONA. Congratulations to Kathy.

Action: None at this time. **Who and When:**

Agenda Item: Safety **Sharon Ewe**

Discussion: Sharon said there was nothing major to report. There was discussion of the noise on New Year's Eve. Was it gun fire or fireworks?
Kai supplied the sound effects to show the group the difference between fireworks and gun fire.
A neighbor (Guido & Tyrone) reported a stolen ladder. It had Cardinal painted in red on it. It was taken right from their own backyard.

Action: Nothing at this time. **Who and When:**

Agenda Item: Grants open

Action: Nothing at this time. **Who and When:**

Agenda Item: Neighborhood Plan **Larry Biddle**

Discussion: Larry was absent.
Larry will have a report for the next community meeting which is January 21st, 2016.
Ron mentioned that he had a meeting with Ann Wykell the next day. He believed the scheduled time line is moving forward. Catherine asked if Alexis had paid the art consultant fee. She said she had paid the deposit to her.
There was some concern mentioned by some members that the process was moving too slowly.

Action: **Who and When:** Larry moving forward with this project. ASAP

Agenda Item: **Bat Houses Subcommittee** **Alexis Kaloostian**

Discussion: Nothing new at this time.
 There was some discussion on the bird houses. They continue to deteriorate. Lisa saw a catalog with a nice bird house for \$150. Was that too much? Members generally felt that it wasn't as we have the 150 thousand grant dollars and that the houses were listed on our neighborhood plan.

Action: **Who and When**

Agenda Item: **Generation Noise** **Catherine**

Discussion: Nothing new at this time to report
 In the discussion it was reported that the generator came on several times last week. Some felt the cold weather could have triggered it to come on. Ron had brought a map from the first neighborhood plan that showed the area of the generator designated as a sensitivity area back in 1992.

Agenda Item: **Outdoor Museum** **Ron Motyka**

Discussion: Ron has contacted Chuck Hamm to get him to bill the City (grant dollars) for the new signs. Ron got the contact information from Alexis for the outdoor museum stands and is contacting Robbie Becan about constructing the stands.

 Project moving forward.

Action: **Who and When:**

New Business:

RP Drive Sidewalk Construction (RP Drive Road widening and sidewalk removal)

Kai reported that he met with three engineers with the city (Rick Herman, Phil Keys, and Bridges) The engineers walked the RPD corridor with Kai and said that their main concerns were safety and cost Kai called Mike Dove and he pointed out that the City did work without a

COA and that the engineering department ignored the preservation standards set by the planning commission. A stop work order was issued.

The city deceived the people when the city's red flags didn't pop up. Kai went back to get the copy of the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission from 3/4/2003. He reviewed the tapes. The Staff Recommendations for the corridor improvement requested permission to widen the road. The HPC denied permission to widen the road. The City engineers ignored that decision.

Kai asked about the third phase of the three phases of the corridor improvement plan. The engineers said that they were finished. They would not be restoring the retaining walls between the Eight Street Bridge and MLK. Most of that area was city owned property. They weren't going to do anything more.

Now, thanks to Kai's efforts, the City is required to put the road and sidewalk back at a considerable cost. Ron said that while the sidewalk is torn up, the wiring for the lighting should be installed. Also, he feels strongly that the sidewalk should be put back in hex block since that is a major historic element of the neighborhood.

Another example of the work that will need to be done: the excessive number of catch basins, they need to be cut down to the level of the sidewalk. The narrow width of the roadway needs to be restored.

The big point that Kai wants everyone to remember: **Preservation standards overrules Engineering Guidelines.** The City tried to ignore this. We don't want them (engineers) to destroy the charm that makes us a destination and city treasure.

Kai also mentioned that MLK bridge replacement will need to be wide enough to eliminate the need for the 8th Street Connector. Then Ninth Street can be two way once again. Business will benefit and we will benefit as well. We can replace the area with fill-in of historic homes or appropriate new construction. This will strengthen the whole historic district. It will benefit the city with heritage economics. Many residents are feeling frustrated with the dirt, dust, and mess that has been part of our lives these last months. It looks like it will continue for some time.

Action: Catherine has the city's reps (Phil Keyes & John Norris) coming to our next community meeting.

We need to make a list of questions. Adam will share the thoughts on email.(Monday/Tuesday)
We need our neighbors to be informed on the points that are of a main concern to all of us.

Lighting of RPD

Ron Motyka

Remember that last month Ron had reported that the wrong globes had been ordered and we were waiting for the correct ones to come in.

Catherine added that the new ones are called Washington globes. The wrong ones were called Granville globes. She said the new ones came in without the finials and bands that are on our globes. Lucky for us and the city (who would have had to eat the added cost), Martin Sorrentino (he

replaced Debra Lawson who retired last month) found a supply of finals and bands that fit and look perfectly the same.

The best part, Martin told Catherine that placing the wiring underground makes sense. Let's revisit this.

Ron had brought a copy of the first Neighborhood Plan from 1992 that stated the priorities we still have today. For example, making sure the new sidewalks are done in hex block sidewalks, historic lighting along RPD, and keeping our historic fabric and charm intact.

Tour of Homes

Kathy Posey

Kathy absent – nothing new to report at this time.

Board Meeting Change

Kathy Posey

Catherine asked the board if we could change some meeting dates so Kathy P. could attend. Remember, she was just elected secretary of CONA and had some conflicts. She needed us to meet on the third Thursday of the month. March has five Thursdays in it. All agreed. We'll look again at meeting dates when the new board is installed.

February board meeting:	2/18
March board meeting:	3/17
March community meeting:	3/24

Newsletter

Ron brought up that this was tabled due to lack of time at last month's meeting. It was generally decided that we would ask Caroline Pavonetti to put out an issue after the community meeting and elections in March.

Meeting was adjourned by Catherine at 8:50.

**Next Meeting: Board Meeting on February 18th, 2016
at 7:00pm Bayfront**

Next Community Meeting will be Jan. 21, 2016.
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