

**BOULEVARD HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
16 January 2012**

In Attendance: Stacey Martin, Ted Hendrickx, Karlestrina Pettigrew, Mark Daniels, Joanne Smalley, Sandi Crane, Rabbit Thomas, Zach Juno, Greg Breuninger, Robert Stovall, Susan Bertonaschi, James Palmer, Pilar Osorio

Meeting conducted by BOHO President, Stacey Martin

Treasurer's Report: Zach Juno, BOHO and SAND Treasurer, reported that there is about \$600.00 in the BOHO account. SAND spent about \$10,000 in legal fees related to the effort to block the proposed QT project on Moreland. QT has decided not to build there; and SAND is requesting the City reimburse the legal fees since the City has acknowledged they made an error in the plat.

Public Safety.

- There has been some realignment of the police zones. BOHO remains in Zone 6, beat 609. Grant Park is Beat 605 in Zone 6.
- There has been a decline in auto thefts. During 2011, BOHO averaged about one burglary per month. Most of the criminal activity takes place on Edie Ave between Francis and E. Confederate.
- The two individuals arrested for the Lester Ave. burglary were convicted and sentenced. One received 20 years (will serve 3-5); and the other received no prison time as he was a first offender.
- Trestletree evicted twelve tenants last year for criminal activity, gunfire, and one for running a convenience store out of the apartment.
- Shot spotter technology. Progress is being made by the group investigating shot spotter technology.
- While Trestletree management has been responsive to the concerns of neighbors, the same cannot be said of management at Gladstone/Englewood Properties. A lot of gunfire seems to emanate from this property.
- 1181 Boulevard has been purchased by the City.

School Update. James Palmer shared the latest happenings within APS.

- APS is undertaking a demographic study as a pre-cursor to redistricting. At this point in time, it seems likely that BOHO will be absorbed into Parkside; and will remain part of the Maynard Jackson Cluster. There are four possible scenarios currently under discussion.
- Meetings (neighborhood attendance is encouraged):
 - SEACS meeting, January 19th at Maynard Jackson
 - SEACS meeting, January 29th, 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.;
 - SRT3 (School Reform Team), January 30th at Maynard Jackson at 6:30 p.m.
- Maynard Jackson High School will be closing for renovation.

Other:

- Neighborhood Cleanup. Neighborhood cleanup scheduled for February 11th; another one will be scheduled around Earth Day.
- Tires. The City will pick up old tires if you complete and submit the PDF form. However, the Spring Cleanup is also likely include a place to bring old tires.
- Stacey reminded everyone that NPU-W meets the fourth Wednesday of each month; and SAND meets the second Thursday of each month.
- Ideas for the spring Newsletter should be submitted to Stacey. As of now, planned articles include:
 - Information on how not to be a victim
 - Information on the neighborhood garden
 - Instructions for joining the google list
- For additional neighborhood information, be sure to check the website: (www.boulevardheights.org)
- Spring Party. A block party is planned for the spring. Planning committee is comprised of Stacey, Zack and Sandi Crane. Anyone else wishing to assist should contact Stacey.
- Fund Raising. Several different ideas for fund raising were discussed. Money would be used for renting a port-a-potty for the block party; and purchasing supplies.
- Signs for meetings. It was pointed out that we need to be sure that sign are placed in strategic locations about a week before a scheduled meeting.
- Café Press sells tee-shirts with BOHO logos. 10% of the sale price goes to the neighborhood.
- TSPLOST. Transportation Special Local Option Sales Tax. Likely to be on the ballot this summer. One of the areas being considered for improvement is Boulevard. Ted is going to check to determine if the plan includes the segment of Boulevard by the railroad tracks; and, if that can be given priority.

Meetings:

- There was some discussion on the frequency of meetings, after which a motion was introduced to hold quarterly meetings. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously. The meeting schedule for the remainder of 2012 will be the third Monday of: April, July, and October.
- There was some discussion on a contribution to the Church that allows us use their facility to meet. In the past, the Church has been given \$100 a year. Since we will be meeting less frequently, it was proposed that we budget \$40.00 for the year (\$10.00 a meeting) as a donation to the Church. The motion was voted on and passed.

Meeting adjourned.