

## MINUTES FOR RANA BOARD MEETING

Monday June 4, 2018

Hague-6:30pm

The meeting was called to order by Risher at 6:30pm.

In attendance were:

Risher Gilbert, Suzanne Dipp, John Moye, Cathi Banda, Emily Brockhoff, Tom Casey, Flip Lyle, Renee Rios O'Donnell, Rosanna Patton and Lyn Westbrook.

Absent:

Kate Gannon Moore, Robert Ardivino, Denise Krockner, Mika Cohen Jones, Larry White, Jimmy Spier, Victor Urbina.

1. Review & Approval/Amendment of Minutes from May 14, 2018-All
  - Motion to approve minutes made by John and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom, the meeting minutes from May unanimously approved.
2. Treasurer's Report—John Moye gave the attached treasury report.
  - Total= \$13,960.23
  - \$6,676 Park
  - Approved \$100 for May 27th Farmers Market.
3. July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade- preparation & committee assignments and review checklist of tasks-All
  - Suzanne and her daughter will design 4th of July Flyer
  - The board agreed on the following parade order: Color Guard (Risher will check status with Eddie) , cars, band, bikes, kids and other pedestrians, fire truck.
  - \$100 approved for Police presence
  - \$67.31 approved for Park Permit submitted by Cathi Banda
  - 8 Yard signs will be printed by Victor Urbina (approximately \$30 each)and posted across the neighborhood in people's yards. Word will also be spread via our e-mail list, the web site, and our Facebook page.
  - List of assignments for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade:

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| Contact EPHS band to request players for the parade | Robert                 |
| Acquire Prices frozen treats for the parade         | Cathi                  |
| Acquire permit and policing                         | Cathi                  |
| Create parade flyer and signage                     | suzanne                |
| Print set of yard signs                             | Victor                 |
| Make a media announcement                           | Kate                   |
| *Serve as Grand Marshall                            | Bob Moore              |
| Color Guard   | Risher will ask Eddie  |
| New and louder loudspeaker/generator                | Robert                 |
| Acquire cars  | Larry and others       |
| Ice/drinks  | Tom                    |
| Buckets for dog water                               | Juan S.                |
| Coolers   | Larry and others       |
| Purchase flags/decorations                          | John                   |
| Fire truck  | Suzanne will ask Roger |
| Face paint and bike decorating                      | Lynn                   |
| Acquire prizes for best bike/body decorations       | Cathi                  |
| Organize cars on parade day                         | Robert                 |

4. Parking meeting with UTEP on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-7pm in City Hall. -Risher
- Risher, John, Renee and Mika attended meeting with UTEP and City. At meeting Mika recommended that student have the option of paying a parking fee as part of the UTEP tuition fee or pay a Student Bus Fee.
  - Emily motioned to approve the forming of a Parking subcommittee to meet with City and UTEP, Renee 2nd the motion. Board approved. Subcommittee includes Risher, Renee and John.
5. Proposed Neighborhood Strategic Plan with Police- Suzanne
- Meet with Police Chief and Parks and Rec to discuss and work on a master Plan to alleviate traffic, trash, speeding, vulgar behavior along Rim Rd and alley ways, etc..
  - Possible solutions include installing more lighting along streets, having police presence on Friday and Saturday nights, enforcing park curfews. Possibly using the Plaza Ordinance as a guide for functional strategies.
  - Re-visit topic at next meeting to discuss the forming of a subcommittee to possibly include Suzanne, Rosanna, Lorez, and Serena.

## 6. Report on Website from Communications Committee – Kate

- Kate not present. Cathi will contact Kate and Denise to meet.
- [www.rimareaneighborhood.org](http://www.rimareaneighborhood.org) is up and running as the official RANA web page. Mika will share this web address as well as our Facebook page (Rim Area Neighborhood Association) with the RANA e-mail list.
- The PayPal/donation button still needs to be finalized. Neighbors will be able to pay for their membership online once it is completed. This committee will coordinate with the treasurer to make that happen.
- Our association e-mail address will be administered by the President and Secretary of RANA. The communications committee will make those links.
- Suzanne will work on revising membership contact database for future mailing/mailer purposes (Board members with available contact information will forward to her).

## 7. Wildflower Rim Project & Sign topper prototype status-Robert (Not Present)

## 8. Update on Roundabout status-Suzanne

- Suzanne is currently working to decrease the amount of signage associated with the roundabout on Rim, and lights and reflectors will be placed in key locations before the roundabout is opened.
- The roundabout will house a piece of art by UTEP public format arts program and will be installed December 2018. Art will be displayed for about a year and then will go up for sale at end that year to leave space for another student art piece.
- Applications from emerging artists living between Juarez, El Paso, and New Mexico who are interested in being the featured artist will likely begin to be accepted sometime in the Fall, with an official “unveiling” likely in November or December.
- Suzanne will share a write-up of the roundabout process and status with the Communications Committee so that it can be posted online and shared with the neighborhood at large.

9. Feedback on Kern Place Farmer's Market held on Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>-All
  - RANA supported the market one more time with a \$100 contribution for the May market. No new members were enrolled that day.
  - The board posed a series of questions about the market's funding and the sustainability of the market. The board decided to unanimously wait on allocating further support and will discuss/vote at next meeting.
  
10. New City Review Committee members-Suzanne
  - Suzanne, Flip Lyle and Emily Brockoff (Cathi Banda will be Emily's substitute stand-in during her maternity leave)
  - The City Review Committee meets every month or two (depending on issues that arise) on Wednesdays at 10am at City Hall.
  - RANA members of that committee do not have a vote but can help cast the vision of things that are important to the neighborhood/guidelines set out by the Overlay.
  - Committee members would serve a one year term and would be committed to meeting with the city staff to be educated on the NCO.
  
11. Request Volunteers for Subcommittee on Clean-Up-Along-Rim.
  - Tom and Larry will head subcommittee on trash clean up and will ask fellow neighbors to volunteer on certain days to commit to picking up trash along Rim Neighborhood (at least 7 volunteers).
  - Lyn made motion to approve \$50 for the cost of trash bags and mechanical 'pickers' and Emily 2nd the motion. Board approved.
  - Note: we need to post on website and Facebook the use of the City courtesy phone number '311' to report: burglaries, suspicious activities, pot hole filling, graffiti clean up, etc...
  
12. Update on Robinson Meeting of May 20th & Virginia Street-Robert (not present, Cathi reported)
  - Meeting was hosted by City to address Phase I and Phase II projects on Robinson and along the arroyo. RANA board members Robert and Cathi attended.

- City agreed they would allow homeowners along Robinson to decide whether they want the City to take 3 to 4 feet of their parkway in order to create more parking.
- The City also decided that they would hold off on developing a pedestrian/bike pathway along the arroyo at this time.
- The City agreed to wait on initiating Phase II until they observe rainwater drainage during this next monsoon season in order to see if any water issues arise.
- There is still a petition on Change.org for placing a walkway on Virginia to create safe travel through the arroyo and to and from the Tennis Club. Neighbors were encouraged to sign it if so inclined.
- RANA Board members unanimously agreed to not get involved at this point in time.

### 13. Other Business

- No meeting in July in lieu of 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade at Tom Lea Park at 9am.
- Next meeting set for Monday August 6th.
- Emily agreed to write a general letter to the city regarding traffic light at Stanton and Shuster.
- Suzanne would like to add agenda items for Sept.'s Neighborhood Quarterly meeting that include Parking situation and Art at roundabout.
- Flip Lyle volunteered to represent RANA on the Cincinnati Parking District Benefit Board with Charlie Intebi.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Submitted by: Cathi Banda, substitute secretary for  
Mika Cohen Jones  
RANA Secretary