

Minutes

Astor Neighborhood Association, Inc. – Mon., July 20, 2009 – 6:00 PM
Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center 526 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay, WI

1) ROLL CALL

Present: J. Frank, President, C. Kime, Vice President; Skip Heverly, J. Sharp, J. Weycker, M. Van Handel
Absent, excused: P. Schleis, Secretary/Treasurer; A. Higgins, B. Weycker
Absent, unexcused: J. Danen, J. Schwenk

2) INVITED GUESTS

Tony Theisen, Alderperson – not present
Officer Brian Schilt – not present
CSI's

3) APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

4) TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS

M/S/C to approved the May 2009 corrected minutes, and the May/June 2009 Treasurer's report.

5) ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Newsletter: Joanne Weycker went through the list of articles she'd like to include. These will be due to J. Weycker on August 17th.

b. Committee Chairs

- Popcorn in the Park: Jesse Sharp and Mike Van Handel have been coordinating Popcorn in the Park. Jesse and Tanya Sharp have been calling volunteers to staff the weekly event. More volunteers are needed for the July and early August evenings.

- Bellin send a letter to all living close to the hospital informing them of a building plan change that would be addressed in the City of Green Bay Planning Commission meeting on June 22, 2009. CSI, Billy B., indicated that the change that was addressed in the letter was the addition of one ambulance stall. It was indicated that Andrew Higgins was the main contact for Bellin and he may have additional information at the August meeting.

6) NEW BUSINESS

a. **Recent Publicity:** Jacqueline Frank mentioned that the Astor Neighborhood received some publicity in May and June through the Press-Gazette and through an article in On the Water, a special promotional insert published by Marketplace Magazine.

b. **Group Photograph:** Christian Kime indicated that a friend of hers recently opened the Lemon Drop photography studio near the boarder of the Astor Neighborhood. Kime suggested that her friend may be interested in taking a

photograph of the board in exchange for a free business card advertisement in the newsletter. The board voted unanimously to approve this arrangement. Kime plans to approach her friend about this matter prior to the August meeting. If she is interested, the photograph will be taken at the August meeting, before the Mayor begins his walk and talk.

c. **Arcadia Books:** Jeff Ruetsche of Arcadia Books recently contacted the board about the possibility of the board putting together a pictorial history of the Historical Astor District. After a discussion of the positive and negative aspects of this project, the board voted to reject the project, in favor of forwarding development of the Astor Wiki. The wiki will be discussed further in the September meeting.

d. **Art Along the Fox River Parkway:** Cheryl Renier-Wigg recently approached the board president about the Astor board applying for a City of Green Bay mini grant to purchase art that would then be installed along the Fox River Parkway, near the railroad trestle. The grant would help pay for both the art and installation. The board would work with the city to select an appropriate piece as well as with placement and installation. The board voted to pursue the matter, with Jesse Sharp acting as the project manager.

e. **Self-Review:** The board began the self-review process by listing several ideas for future activities that would meet the board's four top priorities, developed in spring of 2008. These include historical preservation, neighborhood safety, social involvement, and neighborhood physical improvement. Five general ideas were offered for discussion. Additional ideas will be solicited at the September meeting. Once all ideas have been submitted, the board will then begin the process of evaluation.

7) ADJOURN, 7:25 PM

Our next ANA Board Meeting will be Monday, August 17, 2009, 6:00 PM at **St. James Park** (see location change) S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay, WI.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline Frank, President