

June 4, 2011

Board meeting

Meeting called to order at 11:00am

Members present: Markku Koskelo, Lydia Ashanin, Mel Lyerla, Ralph Davis, Chris Davis, Pirkko Koskelo, Mary Ann Lyerla

Approval of the April 3, 2011 minutes

Approved

Treasurer's Report

\$183.44

Secretary's Report

New members:

Joe and Alicia Kassa

The Dixon Family

Update on neighborhood sign

One of the sign options is to have a letter track to post meeting dates, etc. A discussion ensued regarding how often we would post dates and who would be responsible for changing the messages. Consensus appeared to favor a sign with only: Molten Rock and our web site. There are 15 fonts to select from for the lettering.

Thomas Muhlberger from Sign-a-Rama emailed a picture of a sign with a stone veneer and letter tracks. If the company has a showroom we would like to view the sign options or we would like Tom to attend a board meeting with pictures of signs. Chris will follow-up.

NW Alliance/West Side Coalition

The organizations did not have meetings in May and will not have a meeting in June. Lydia will check on the dates for the July meetings and email the dates to other members. The purpose of attending the meetings is to see if we (MRNA) should join.

Tres Volcanoes letter

The letter is written by Tabitha King and solicits an alliance with our neighborhood association. The letter indicates that Tabitha is with the Tres Volcanes NA, but does not indicate what role she plays in the association. Markku followed up on the letter and left messages on both phone numbers given and no one has returned his calls.

Vacant house on Victoria

Markku has not gotten answers to the letters he has sent to the owner of the property. Just west of the vacant/unfinished house on Victoria is our newest neighborhood family. The husband works for the city and Markku will contact him and ask him about our next step to get the property finished or condemned.

Follow-up to special meeting

The change in the bylaws was passed and the city received a copy of the new bylaws.

New Business

Annual Fees

Questions: How do we transition to the new fee schedule? How do we carry over people who paid their memberships dues in the old fiscal year?

Proposed: Members who have paid their membership fees prior to June 4, 2011 will have their membership extended to December 31, 2011 as opposed to having their membership end in September of the "old" fiscal year. The new fiscal year will start January 2012 and membership fees may be paid as early as December 2011 for the new fiscal year.

Motion carried.

Election Process

Process clarification:

1. Only members of MRNA may vote.
2. To nominate someone for office she/he has to be a member of MRNA.
3. A member may nominate his/herself.

Process:

1. A flyer will go out to members and nonmembers within our neighborhood soliciting nominations and clarifying the nomination and election process. Chris will write the flyer.
2. Nominations must be submitted to the secretary of MRNA by August 1 at midnight.
3. Ballots will be emailed or sent out (if email is unavailable) to members no later than September 1.
4. Ballots will be returned to a member (to be decided later) who is not on the ballot.
5. Election results will be announced at the annual board meeting in September (date to be decided at a later date.)

Discussed:

1. Ideally we would like at least two persons nominated for every office.
2. Current officers welcome nominations.
3. We hope to have committees set up that members can serve on, such as: neighborhood sign selection, neighborhood clean-up, welcome to our neighborhood, etc.
4. It was suggested we go door-to-door to solicit membership and spread the news about MRNA and what has been and is being accomplished. Chris will design a membership form.

Garbage/weeds at the entrance to Molten Rock

After talking with Tom Muhlenberger of Sign-a-Rama the best place for our neighborhood sign is on the NW corner of Unser and Molten Rock. The area, however, is bordered by battered fencing, weeds, and trash (not a good way to introduce our neighborhood.) The fencing is within city boundaries (less than 13' from the curb.) Markku will research how to proceed as a neighborhood association to get the area cleaned up. Lydia will take before and, hopefully, after pictures.

Posting on website

A preface to the land facilitation meeting should be written before it is posted.

Adjourned: 12:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Davis

Secretary MRNA