

Arbor District Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes 16 April 2022, home of Judy Ashby.

Present: Kyle Miller, Judy Ashby, Peg Falcone, Jane Adams, Pheral Lamb, D. Gorton, Chuck Litecky. Absent: Sara Buila, Brian Swoboda

Meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

1. **Agenda** amended to include Pheral Lamb update about the tool library.
2. **Approve minutes** of January 23 membership meeting: Peg moved, Judy second, unanimous ayes.
3. Kyle reported he had sent letter to the City
4. **By-laws review** deferred to future discussions, noting no action can be taken to revise until January membership meeting.
5. **Spring gathering:** Date set for May 15, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., Jane and D's place, Potluck. D. move, Pheral second, to set up planning committee for event. Passed unanimously. Committee: Judy, Chuck, Jane, D.
6. **Community support for ARPA Request:** April 30 deadline for City to receive comments. Two-pronged effort to get support for Bucky Dome/Arbor District request – 1) Flyer announcing May 15 garden gathering/potluck with text on back (bullet points) regarding ARPA request; 2) emails urging members to weigh in, with supporting bullet points. Pheral will draft language for advocacy.
7. **Library for Alternate Futures (L4AF) (Pheral):** They are developing a public space with four elements: a) books and information, b) a tools and materials, c) advocacy at the business, university, nonprofit, and governmental levels, and d) greenhouse and outdoor gathering space. The first 3 parts will begin or continue development this year. The 4th part is a longer term project.
8. D. Moved that the Arbor District support the project by holding a community meeting by June 21. Second by ??. Passed unanimously
9. **Lobbying the city for TIF organizational infrastructure** – Redevelopment Corporation and Advisory Committees. Discussion:
 - a. Redevelopment Corporation: Jane advocated for the creation of a redevelopment corporation that would provide low interest supervised loans to prospective homeowner, to renovate former rental properties within the proposed TIF expansion neighborhoods, prospectively capitalized by the City, SIUC, and SIH.
 - b. Advisory Committees: Jane and Chuck noted that this was a long-standing Arbor District request. Jane's proposal is that each neighborhood (Arbor District, Northwest, Northeast) would have an Advisory Committee that would review and vote on whether projects would be approved or not; and that would advise the City and City Council on investments of TIF funds within their neighborhoods.
 - c. Guidelines for distributing TIF-generated funds: Jane requested that the Arbor District also support establishment of a clear set of guidelines for distribution of TIF-generated funds within the four distinct entities within the proposed expansion of TIF No. 2: Downtown business district, and each of the three

neighborhoods. She foresaw that without clear guidelines from the outset the four entities would compete for limited funds, undermining community cohesion and trust.

- d. Marketing plan: D. advocated for expanding the Arbor District vision to address the current crisis, including recruitment of international and climate refugees. Pheral advocated for recruiting prospective residents on the basis of the environmental advantages of this region and community. Jane observed that the law requires that a marketing plan be developed in conjunction with a TIF district. These elements should be part of the marketing plan.

Chuck moved, Peg Second, for Jane to write concept pieces addressing these areas, that the Board (and potentially membership) can work with. To be drafted by end of April. Passed unanimously.

New Business

1. **Neighborhood Watch:** Kyle said he would invite Brandi, from James Street, who is trying to establish a neighborhood watch, to the next Board meeting.

D. moved, Pheral and Peg seconded, Adjourn. Passed unanimously.