MINUTES

GENA Board Meeting

Tuesday August 9, 2022 (6:30 pm)

Welcome

January 23, 2022 Minutes

* Approved via email. Posted on GENA website.
* Board agreed to approve August 9, 2022 minutes via email and post to website in lieu of approval at next Board Meeting.

Erin Braden retiring from the Board. Board expressed gratitude for Erin’s many, many years of service on the Board and revitalizing GENA through her efforts.

Polly Nodine Nominated (by Kay Lee), Seconded by Renita Trotti and Unanimously Approved to Become Member-At-Large Board Member of the Board

Financial Report (Nick Cortese)

* Current balance of $5,449.08 in the GENA bank account with 122 households participating in dues for 2022
* Expenses since last meeting total $1,515.72, with the material expenses relating to the block party
* Income from dues is $2,372.24

Listserv Report (Paul Cushing)

* Listserv has been functioning as intended with no incidents or issue to report

Welcome Committee Report (Polly Nodine/Erin Braden)

* Welcome committee has been visiting new neighbors through word of mouth and new listserv requests

Old Matters: (Kay Lee)

* February – Steve Rushing led birding outing in GCNP: Well attended.
* May – Spring Block Party
  + Party was held successfully!
  + Special thanks to Polly Holiday for performing
* June – Graduation List. Once again GENA Neighbors appreciated the distribution of the list.
* August – GENA Directory Update.
  + Deadline for 8.31 for updates, printed copies being ordered
* Church Street Renovation
  + Increased traffic and excessive car speed issues arising on Glendale. Concern for safety of pedestrians, including children going to and from school.
  + GENA will remain neutral in accordance with our bylaws
  + Discussion that interested GENA neighbors may organize to work with the city on the issue
* Other Matters

New Matters

* Mention of Affordable “Missing Middle” housing city meeting including one hosted by neighbors in GENA
* Property at the end of E. Ponce and Commerce: Message from Polly Nodine: Please be aware that “the city purchased the properties at the end of E Ponce and Commerce. The closing was to happen at the end of July but do not have any update on the process. At the city meeting, the mayor stated they would work with the neighborhood, meaning Ponce Court but we are nearby, to address any concerns about the development.”
  + GENA will remain neutral in accordance with our bylaws, but as information becomes available it may be shared via the listserv
* Halloween Block Party
  + Kurt Dupuis will take the organizing and planning lead with support from other Board Members and GENA neighbors.
* December:
  + Neighborhood Collection for Sanitation Workers
    - In the past it has been Ginny Lester. Need to verify if she will take lead again.
    - Open to neighbors organizing and contributing again
  + Neighborhood Participation in Annual Decatur Holiday Giving. In the past it has been Mindy Simon. Need to verify if she will take the lead again.)
* January (2022): MLK Project. In the past GENA neighborhood volunteered to make sandwiches for the day of service for City of Decatur
* Board Succussion: ID new president January 2023.
  + Lauren Asbury nominated Kurt Dupuis (Board Member and Young Family Liaison) to be Co-President alongside Kay Lee, as Co-President, Nick Cortese seconded, Board approved with no objections.
* Discussion of Informal GENA get-togethers in addition to 2 annual block parties (Spring and Halloween):
  + Young families
  + New neighbors
  + Board would like to encourage GENA gatherings to increase connectivity and community and agreed to reimburse expenses for light refreshments such as coffee, juice boxes, etc.
* Other Matters

Adjourn