



MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2006

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. There were 21 people in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 14, 2005 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Sue Morales reminded everybody that it's time to renew memberships. Household memberships are \$5 and business memberships are \$35. The bank balance was \$343.55.

Old Business

Broadway Zoning: Three proposals were presented to members on Broadway zoning. A coalition consisting of ENN, EGA, and LBRC put forth a proposal for B1-2 zoning on the West side of Broadway. A coalition consisting of ECC, EDC and Edgewater/Uptown Builders Assoc, and North Broadway Property Owners backed B1-3 zoning along all of Broadway. The Edgewater Historical Society urged B1-2 zoning for the corners at Bryn Mawr, Broadway, and Ridge, as those buildings were over 100 years old.

The debate centers on density issue. B1-2 zoning is proposed only on west side of Broadway since many blocks back onto single-family and two-story buildings, while the east side has just the el.

B1-2 zoning: calls for height of 4 stories or less. Minimum land per residential unit is 1,000 square feet.

B1-3 zoning: height up to six stories with minimum land per residential unit 4,000 square feet.

Backers of B1-2 don't want tall buildings overshadowing their homes, nor do they want the higher traffic volume backing onto alleyway. Petition for this zoning is on ballot.

Backers of B1-3 zoning, state that the lower zoning will not be cost-effective for developers. Lenders look at profit margins and four stories will not contain enough units to generate a profit. There are very few existing properties on the street that would hold a six-story building so homeowners' concerns are unfounded. Backers also argue that down zoning would lower current owners' property values.

The Edgewater Historical Society representative was concerned with the preservation of existing structures. Although the current buildings at Bryn Mawr and Broadway are not landmarks, they are over 100 years old. Re-development does not necessarily mean a teardown either as existing structures can be rehabbed, as exhibited by the Belle Shore. Therefore, the EHS recommends B1-2 zoning for those corners, east side, as well as west side.

There will be another meeting Thursday January 12 at the Edgewater Library where these presentations will also be held.

Vote on Zoning: A motion was made to hold off on zoning vote until next month to give people more time to go to other meetings and to get further information. Motion was passed unanimously.

Peirce School Parkway: Two trees were cut down in the parkway. Landscaper claimed that they were dead after being damaged by storms.

Turkish Bakery: Owner has increased security and is closing around midnight. If there are any more disturbances, citizens need to sign a complaint. If a disturbance is called in, police cannot arrest anybody without a signed complaint.

Election of ETNA Officers: Election of new officers will be held at February meeting. Open offices include President and Secretary.

Open Discussion

The person who was mugging people with a brick was arrested. Unfortunately, police did not notify the block club and even some of the victims were unaware of the arrest.

Joe Teller saw a person making a drug purchase from a car with a Wisconsin plate on Bryn Mawr in front of Peirce. He did not realize what was happening until after the car drove away and he was unable to get the plate number.

Susan Darnell said to call police if they see anybody parking on the parkway on Bryn Mawr. Because the street is narrow, larger cars tend to park with wheels on the parkway, thereby ruining owners' lawns.

John Supera is looking for a new tenant for the space vacated by Royal Foods at Glenwood and Ridge.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Colello
Secretary
