

**Central Oak Park Neighborhood Association  
Board Minutes 5/7/24**

Present: Michelle Anderson, Heather Chumbris, Phillip Baker, David Ponte, Elaine Hartin, Sam Jenkins, Diana Schuh. Michelle opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Minutes from the April 9 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Opening Remarks**

Michelle will be serving on the city's Nuisance Abatement Board and will attend a training in the fall. She also distributed note cards for the board's use.

**Treasurer's Report**

Phillip reported that the Board spent \$26.50 to Mail Chimp for our website. We also gained three new members (\$57.66), resulting in \$3,030.50 in our general fund. The Board is closing out its Truist account and the only account is now at Achieva.

**Vice President's Report**

David and Heather created a template Welcome message that is sent to people once they're accepted into the Facebook group. The message encourages them to explore the COPNA website and membership options and includes a link to the website.

She and David are hosting a Neighborhood Networking Night at Bright Ice on May 30. The Board authorized them to print up invitations that will be distributed to neighborhood businesses.

**Secretary/CONA**

Diana and Michelle will attend the Council of Neighborhood Association kickoff meeting on May 14. Diana will serve as the CONA rep for COPNA. Anyone can subscribe to CONA's newsletter ([newsletter@st.petecona.org](mailto:newsletter@st.petecona.org)).

Diana, Heather and Michelle will meet to review Mail Chimp and other platforms COPNA uses to communicate with the neighborhood. Passwords have been shared with all Board members.

**General Member Meetings**

The next two general member meetings will be held in June and September at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Meetings start at 6:30.

Tuesday, June 25 – City Planning Department will give a presentation

Tuesday, September 24 – City Codes Department (pending)

**Social/Events**

**Porch Parties** - There was discussion about the board paying for a food platter from a local business when possible for each party (\$50 cap). Heather offered to check with party hosts about their preferences. A porch party is tentatively scheduled for Friday June 14 at David's home.

**9-11 Cookies** - Julie Roberts coordinates delivering cookies to our local fire and police departments. She is looking for volunteers to assemble the cookies and make deliveries. Michelle will have more information at the next board meeting.

**2025 Garden Tour** - Julie Roberts has offered to take this on and is looking for volunteers.

**Halloween** - The Board is looking for volunteers to organize this.

**Food Trucks** - There was discussion about whether there would be enough interest in having food trucks in the neighborhood. Michelle has been corresponding with a food truck owner who has reached out to the association. She reported that there is no minimum guarantee of customers. Elaine suggested inviting trucks to a general meeting. Michelle will contact the food truck person she's been in touch with and suggest they come to our June general membership meeting. She will also check with St. Luke's to make sure we can have a food truck on their property.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Tree grant** - We are still waiting on property surveys. Several board members reported that some properties have been surveyed by the City. Diana agreed to follow up on this.

**Lighting in Triangle Park (North Central Neighborhood Park)** - Concerned neighbors there have not responded to an email that listed the Board's concerns from the last board meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**District 7 Candidates Forum in conjunction with other District 7 neighborhoods** - The Board agreed that it would like to participate in this event. Details to follow.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. The next board meeting will be held on July 9.

Respectfully submitted,

***Diana Schuh***

Secretary