

Minutes
OCA Board Meeting
May 6, 2009
Home of Hannah and Donald Brown

Present: LaDonnah Roberts (VP), Linda Albritton (Sec.), John Sheffield (Treas.), Donald and Hannah Brown (Dearing), Bryan Chandler (School Board), Jimmy Cockrane (Audubon), Linda Ford (7th St.), Kelly Howitz, (College Park), Julie Elmore (U of A Housing Residential Communities) Erin Wiggins (PARA)

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Old Business

School Board Report: Bryan Chandler reported that magnet teachers had been hired.

Standing Committees:

Social Committee: The spring picnic will be on May 17th on Monnish Dr.

Long Range Planning: LaDonnah Roberts reported that the Railroad Quiet Zone is moving forward. U of A students will be utilized this summer to help with the gathering of information at crossings.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: John Sheffield stated that the proposal for allowing a higher density for one home in University Circle was denied in a unanimous vote.

New Business

Erin Wiggins from PARA presented the proposed plans for the continuation of development/renovation of Queen City Park. The area behind the library will have trails and renovation of the historic WPA structures. PARA has received a 2 year grant for the project. Americore has been contacted for volunteers.

Julie Elmore from the UA Housing and Residential Communities office gave information about how UA informs students about the off campus housing experience. Students are given a handbook and planner with tips about successful off campus living.

OCA Campaign Contributions: This will be discussed at our next meeting. OCA has supported members running for office with a financial contribution.

Other Business

Plans for dumpsters and donation trucks are being made by SGA for the transition in housing in August. Details will be forthcoming.

The Preservation Society will be hosting An Evening with Dr. Drish at the

Drish House on Saturday, May 16th.

Finance Report

The next meeting will be on June 1st at the home of Robert and Ruth Reynolds.