

MPNO Meeting – Minutes 1/13/16

Present: Officers Natalie Molnar, Matthias Bell, David Potts and Ellen Gallavan; 8 neighbors; 1 guest

October meeting minutes approved

Love Your Block Project –

- We received \$2300 for the 2nd neighborhood sign, and landscaping for both. We hope to install both this spring. A mason in our neighborhood will donate some of his time. Clara, from the non-profit Cities of Service, is here as a community outreach person and will help us with this project. One sign will be placed at the intersection of Barnes and Washington. We still hope to get permission from MDOT for a sign at Sparrow and MLK.

Events and Grants pending

- **Grants:** a) Super grant from the Mayor's office – we applied for this to pay for "porch concerts". There would be small concerts simultaneously at 8 different houses (porches) and one in the park. Money to be spent by September. b) Applied for \$100 for an Easter egg hunt
- **Events:** sign installation; Easter egg hunt; garden cleanup spring and fall; porch concerts; picnics in the park (we would put out flyers/notice, and possibly supply drinks); no carnival this year; Matthias suggested a game night;
- **Concert in the Park** – Natalie has applied for this. We can suggest a band or take anyone from the city list. "LUVS" interested; Andy suggested Donnie Brown
- **Movie in the Park** – we might hold again in a simpler format. Possibly call Grand Ledge Film Festival to see how they do it.

Promotional materials

- Need to redesign the welcome brochure. Kristin volunteered to do it. Ads – we should include Reach Art, PSO; ask other businesses. Amy will look into pricing. Target date for completion – 3/1.
- Newsletter – the template is working well. Spring distribution on foot and on the website.

- Matthias composed a survey about our neighborhood which will be on the website and social media, and on paper. We might send the paper copy with the spring newsletter.

Annual meeting and committees

- Natalie proposed having only one general meeting a year. Committees would meet as needed. Andy suggested quarterly meetings which Matthias agreed with; Amy suggested meetings based on need, especially for planning major events. We will need to change the bylaws if the meeting schedules are changed. Andy questioned a change about voting at the meetings, especially if we only meet once a year.
- Committees – communication/marketing; events; garden
- The February meeting needs to address the garden and bylaws
- Special meetings about the Park and pool would be held.
- A general discussion about the dam refurbishing took place.

Meeting Adjourned