

East Row Historic Foundation

Minutes

Tuesday, 5 January 2016

1. Call to Order and Welcome. Chair Siddall called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.
2. Acknowledgements from the Chair. The East Row received the full appraised value of the four chandeliers that were recently offered for sale.
3. New Neighbors Introduction. Two new neighbors introduced themselves. Jack and Ann Ensor 735 Monroe and Beth Owens at 639 Maple. **[Do any of you have other thoughts as to the identifies???**
These are who I thought]
4. Committee Reports.
 - Police. Officers Fangman and Armberg shared the status of crime in the city. There have been incidents of panhandler aggression and mail theft from porches. As usual, there have been juveniles testing car door locks. Always alert the police to suspicious activity for them to investigate and let them know when residents are out of town so doors may be checked twice daily.
 - Mansion Hill/Gateway. Robson reported that Brian Malone received the Cannoli Award by City Commission. The Police were thanked for facilitating tour participants in cross Park and 2nd. No other significant business occurred.
 - Historic Preservation. No report from John Morrow at this time.
 - Beautification. E. Carabello asked that all ideas be sent to her on behalf of the committee.
 - Welcoming. I. Budd reported on the plans for an event in February.
 - Dog Park. No report.
 - Philanthropy. No report. Ideally the agreed upon percentage of the net proceeds from the Victorian Christmas tour will be presented to representatives of the three charities selected.
5. Special Report. Footsteps2Brilliance is an innovative educational/literacy program that students and their parents use via the WEB. Superintendent Middleton provided an overview and introduced key staff members who provided a PowerPoint presentation. It is aimed at 3-8 year old. All residents with the zip code of 41071 may gain access with a password. It has been very effective in raising the literacy of participants.

On behalf of the Garden Club, Chris Comte discussed the 2016 tree planting efforts planned, ideally for the fall. Plans are still under discussion as to the neighborhood foci. The economics of past year were reviewed: value of a tree, sources of funding, owner buy-in, city role in digging holes, private enterprise donation of time and talent such as sidewalk repair, etc. In the end, there was agreement that the East Row will be supportive to hearing more about the budget. Over two hundred trees were planted in 2014 and 2015. To keep abreast of tree death, over 100 trees are needed annually.
5. Treasurer's Report. The net from the Christmas tour was among the highest in the last ten years. Excellent weather and promotion led to long lines at each house.

6. New Business. H. Fausz brought up the yet to be established Social Club and how it might function to draw old and new residents together.

I. Budd reviewed his leadership of bringing the Cincinnati street car across the river to Newport and solicited more volunteers to enter the conversation. He and Beth Fennell are going to Washington to investigate funding and such. A meeting will be held at Budd house Monday at 6:45.

7. Old Business. The Nominating Committee report was provided by Bob Weiler. One may self-nominate. He provided forms for those interested and descriptions of the responsibilities of each position are available. C. Siddall and J. Morrow round out the committee membership.

8. Open Forum. Nothing.

9. Announcements. Nothing.

10. Approval of Minutes & Treasurer's Report. Both reports approved as distributed on voice vote.

11. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 for folks to partake of refreshments provided by J and E Robson.