

BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING JUNE 20, 2017, MINUTES

7:09 pm, Meeting called to order by President Steve Miesen. Present: 11 attendees. Councilors Sakelik and Cummings included.

MAY MINUTES READ

Minutes approved 6-1

Minutes vote rescinded 7-0

Minutes approved as amended 6-1

POCKET PARK

Steve reported on the meeting at the Park on June 14th. Alma says she received notice too late, but had something to add. Steve encouraged her to contribute. Alma asked about property marked. Steve says it is, and he also added little flags. Rebecca stated that the Hammerle St. Right of Way is not marked. Alma concerned that the city mark it, not the neighbors. Steve reassured her that the city placed the markers. Who is the volunteer coordinator? Steve or Bob. Steve and Bob walked there today and discussed planning what to take out. Can have drop boxes that city will provide when it is convenient for the city. Dave noted that the volunteers are from the BNA. How do people find out? Alan said that Peggy gathered names and emails of those present who might be interested in participating in volunteering to clean up the new park. Alma: was the city going to take the pile of junk out? Steve: Yes. Jackie suggests to use the bins behind the little corner park, then call the Parks department to pick up is a good start. She said she will coordinate with Marla as to who to call. Rebecca notes that the little park and the pocket park can become integrated. Jackie suggests benches farther up the pocket park like the little park. Alan volunteers to start this Saturday, Steve agrees and will post on SOLV, and Bob will post on Next Door Neighbor, Saturday June 24th – 9 am to 12 pm. Bring gloves and Steve assures us that tools are good.

MOTION: Treats for the volunteers 50 dollars for cookies bananas and water for this event. Passes 7-0.

Steve: Trees are beautiful, ivy going out, and fun to work on it.

HIGH SCHOOL PARKING ZONE

Rebecca suggest we introduce ourselves to our guest Rory who will speak on this. Rory, said he was quoted in November, and the quotes were read here at that time, but taken out of context. Wants to rezone the area. He has received four parking tickets. Once he received a note from a neighbor who said it was a permit area. Students are sleeping in cars to reserve a space, buses are overcrowded. 1100 students in athletics requires spaces, in 1996 were three activity buses, but were cut. Rebecca willing to work with him to petition the school board to reinstate the activity buses or bus. In 1996 less students and 50% involved in extra-curricular, now more students and 80% in e-c. Trash is a problem, and he arranged for National Honor Society group to be a community service project to clean up the neighborhood every two weeks. Dave asks what is the school board doing about this? On an agenda or their head in the sand. Rory says they say there is a budget shortfall and hands are tied. A number of

students parking not up to code, councilor Cummings says student population gone up from 390 to 463, seniors alone. Most driving but only 177 spots. Rory car pool opportunity is starting next fall. Cummings points out that businesses have to provide parking, but H.S. should and needs to be discussed. Rebecca points out many students don't have cars, transportation is part of the education. Cummings after school activities is increased...councilor Sakelik suggests to find how many students drive. Gather data to support activities buses. Cummings: school buses are paid out of the state funds. Rebecca: the school board can be approached through emails to revive activity buses or start with an activity bus and if more needed, we need to start somewhere. Dave offers his analysis of getting the stats and how boards work and commends Rory on his presentation. Students pay for a permit. Dave suggest if kids need an activity bus, activity bus is 30 dollar per sport and use of activity of bus, and secondly the money is coming in from the bus barn system. If students can prove to be responsible, perhaps have a permit system for high school drivers. Jackie: for momentum offer the car poolers incentive like a coffee card, or a special permit. Dave: get a roster as to who lives where to find poolers. Rebecca, tradition that seniors get a spot, but perhaps a new tradition is if people who car pool got a spot? Bob canvassed for 57 signatures, some people were highly volatile. Lived there before permit, trash pick up commitment by students then lasted about two weeks, then it stopped, then the drug use at noon, destruction of property. Alan: not enough signs to prevent non permit holders from parking. Bob: parents and kids knock on all doors at new years to ask if residents can rent their driveways. Sakelik, mid-day is pretty empty on West A, but to have Rory to define the numbers of actual spots needed. Rebecca a part not talked about at all is part of the total effect of living there, sports games, back to school night, just get fatigued by all the activity. Rory: after talking with city councilors to make permit parking after five pm only. Bob: go to the neighbors with that. Rebecca says the residents probably feel the residents put up with enough. Alan talked of young families moving in there. Rebecca related Dylan's project. Bob I don't think residents are bothered by the games. Rory ends with any extra spaces like at end of Easy street to get 40 spaces. Direct the PW department to survey for parking spaces. 1556 students in H.S. this year, so many students that not everyone got a locker. Alma, has the school district not used a lottery system? Those kids out of district will drive. Kim asks if other parking areas and venues, like a park and ride. There are creative solutions. Cummings suggest the empty grocery store lot be used. Rory says maybe on the West A bridge. Steve car pool parking privileges. Sakelik, scope is important is it 50 spots or 500 spots? Get a relatively close number. Rory says about 300 more spots. Some students rent parking spaces under the table from residents. Dave, there are possibilities for solutions like even odd days license plates numbers. Rory to Bob will residents be willing to try the trash pick-up? Bob probably not, but go around and ask the neighbors to accept the new trash picking up. Teri some neighbors might accept stripe those that can't be used, and all the rest is open. Voluntary would be nice. Kim, how much pressure has been put on the school board? Build a multi-level parking, build what is needed. It is a school board issue. Alma commends Rory. Rebecca suggests for the petition that Bob collected be sent in to the council for Monday's meeting.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Alma, Fifth of July, woman in charge of the band called and will have the concert at Hammerle Park, and another one later in the month that Sally will not help on that one. At least do one and maybe do the other one if interest. Concert begins at 7:00, move tables and provide more seating, move out of the kiosk where people can sit on them to enjoy the concert. Alan will call Parks department to get the

tables moved. Alma, It is a good neighborhood building activity. Orchestra provides own signs for orchestra. BNA will pay for it.

Steve sent email to Kim with all our names and who was at the meeting. She was angry that City did not post. At that presentation meeting that the city did not post, Steve thought we can't have this meeting, but since neighbors were there, and the presentation was ready, Steve allowed it. Steve has not heard from the city since Steve sent the emails.

Sakelik, read council update from staff on the Motion that Steve sent to the city after the May meeting: Staff contacted Kim about presenting at another meeting, but Kim is not ready at this point. Staff to follow up July 1. Steve will reach out to Kim, for her to contact him when she is ready to present. Alma says that sign that notices meeting and potential construction was not on 1575 Burns street. Sakelik suggests that Steve call John Williams. They are all aware they messed up. UPDATE: Steve: Courtney apologized for the lack of notice. Now in Kim's hands.

Alma take suggestion kindly, let presenters know how much time they have. A lot of time was spent on the parking issue. Need a guideline of time for each agenda item.

Meeting adjourned: 9:30 pm.