

CRNA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2016, 7-8:30 PM
COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

Present: David Alvarez, David Daube, Bill Ives, Bob Larsen, Julianna Padgett, Nathan Schwam, and Min Yang

Residents: Nicole Bouie, Ron Ohlsen, Tilman Hardy

Agency Representatives: Joe Becker, Alan Arnold, Shermicia Calice (S&W Board), Erin Holmes (Preservation Resource Center),

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM, with a quorum present.

Minutes from the October meeting were not approved, but will be held over until January meeting.

1. Sewerage and Water Board – Representatives from the S&W Board discussed a 3mil drainage renewal which is on the December 10th ballot and represents about 1/3 of total drainage budget. Pointed to new computer system just brought on line for customers. They urged approval so that the Board can move out of crisis, indicating that this renewal would not cost residents any additional money, but warning that future requests were coming for other capital needs.
2. Cultural District – Erin Holmes, representative from Preservation Resource Center, urged our involvement with an extension of a Cultural District that essentially covers CRNA's borders. This gives access to three types of tax credits including cultural activities and some building improvements. Application to be submitted by March 1, 2017 to the State. Nathan Schwam volunteered to work with Erin to identify cultural landmarks and activities to support the application.
3. Quality of Life Committee. Bill Ives, chair, reported that the committee discussed three items: Whole House Short Term Rentals (now allowed for 90 days a year), a needed traffic study around Lycee, and traffic issues near Stuart Hall school. Bill urges other issues to be raised and will hold another committee meeting shortly
4. Update on 8218 Maple Street was given by Min Yang who had made inquiries with the City. Two lots have been combined and the new owner will put in 8 condo units – 3 story multifamily dwelling. The City's Zoning Administrator indicated that zoning code regulations allowed this, therefore the Board cannot take any formal steps to oppose this development. It is possible that nearby residents may challenge the contractor. Guest Ron Ohlsen who lives across the street expressed deep concern about the number of condos being built in the area and suggested that the Board consider a moratorium on condos. Min Yang suggested that there are positive aspects of building new housing, as well as negative and he would not support a moratorium. The Board did not decide whether to further investigate a possible moratorium.
5. Julianna met with Department of Public Works and discussed the new website, roadworknola.com where we can track street repairs that will take place 2017-2025.
6. Tilman Hardy indicated that his community site is a Sustainability Institute, where he has programs for community. He has invited us to use the site for meetings at no cost. He challenged us to be transparent as an organization and to work more closely with everyone in the community including churches, etc.
6. No meeting in December. Nicole Bouie encouraged us to attend CC's Xmas cocktail event on December 14th, as well as support Stella's as a place to eat.

Notes taken by David Daube and Julianna Padgett