

CRNA MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2017, 7-8:30 PM
COMMUNITY COMMITMENT

Present: David Alvarez, Tammy Butler, David Daube, Andreas Hoffman, Meagan Impastato, Bill Ives, Bob Larsen, Julianna Padgett, Nathan Schwam, Drew Ward, Min Yang, David Zalkind
Residents: Nicole Bouie, Benjamin Hall, Sabine Winter, Susan McClain, Jim McClain Devin Martin, Hermione Malone, Susan Vogel, Corey Mall, Jack Greenwood, Louis Warren, Annette Hayes.
Agency Representatives: Leatrice Dupre (Councilmember Guidry)

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

All present introduced themselves and stated what they like most about living in the Carrollton/Riverbend Neighborhood.

Minutes from the November meeting were approved, after motion to approve was made by Drew Ward, and seconded by Meagan Impastato.

1. Councilmember Guidry – Representative from Councilmember Guidry’s office discussed the following:

- (1) S&WB—updated us on the new fees, and the new online billing system, and noted that Mrs. Guidry is dissatisfied with the S&WB phone call and web system and that she will continue to advocate for improvement.
- (2) Mid City Library has opened
- (3) Nix Library—the Capital Project is coordinating all the research, and mentioned that there are 3 architects submitting information which is due in January.
- (4) STR’s—The new regulations have already been voted on, and will be in effect April 1st. She noted that there are 3 different types of STRs and that Guidry’s office disagreed with the provisions re: tax collection.
- (5) The Master Plan—Land Use regulations for the following properties were discussed: Greenlight Property (on Jeanette St.), Carrollton Court House, Street Car Barn.

2. Cultural District –Nathan Schwam discussed our potential involvement with an extension of a Cultural Products District that essentially covers CRNA’s borders. He explained that there will be no sales taxes on artists, state and federal tax credits for historical renovations on our homes, and that this will likely increase property values in our area. Nathan Schwam gave some examples of what is a “Cultural Resource,” and noted that he would like our input as he coordinates with Erin Holmes, and Susan Guidry’s office.

Those present provided the following suggestions of Cultural Resources: Apple Street Movie Theatre (generally any old movie theatre in the new area considered), and Artists (none specified).

Nathan Schwam made a motion that we draft and submit a letter to the city council in support of the proposed CPD, Bill seconded, and the motion was adopted by a unanimous vote of the board members present.

3. Updated Website Juliana Padgett announced that Nathan Schwam has updated our website. Please visit: crna-nola.org

4. Quality of Life Committee & Crime and Safety Committee. Bill Ives, chair, reported that the committee discussed these items:

(1) They are monitoring parking and traffic for Lycée Français at the old Priestley school site.

(2) Bill's email to the principal re: the Johnson school site was read aloud (See email for details).

Drew Ward brought up his concerns with the paragraph re: our support of the school on a temporary basis. After an unsuccessful tally of votes to remove the paragraph versus keeping the letter as is, it was decided that the vote would be deferred, and that the board would instead vote on this issue via email.

5. Zoning Committee Tammy Butler made us aware of a new restaurant that is opening at 8638 Hickory Street (at its intersection with Monroe St.), called C&H Family Restaurant. Per requirements by the Neighborhood Participation Process, the restaurant held a meeting on November 9, 2016 and it appeared there was no concern with the restaurant. However, CRNA was not notified – we have let the Office of Neighborhood Engagement know that we did not receive notification.

The Committee gave an update on the following 3 properties in our area that have been mentioned in the proposal for land use /zoning changes from the City Planning office:

(1) Green Light property at 8201-03 Jeannette @Dublin. Denial of Designation Change.

(2) Carrollton Court House—still owned by OPSB, proposed change to mixed use low density.

(3) Carrollton Transit property – Approval of proposed change to mixed use low density

Additionally, Jim and Susan McClain asked the Board to be aware of the proposed expansion of St. Charles Vision Center. As owners of the adjacent business property on St. Charles Ave., they already compete for street parking, and are concerned with the aesthetic of the new renovations. Julianna Padgett announced that we should have St. Charles Vision come talk to our board, since we have already heard from the McClains. It was further discussed that HUMU is only 5,000 square feet, and asking for a zoning change to conditional use, to allow them to expand the structure all the way to the property line and to add a second story, thus we as a board may be able to make a statement. Juliana Padgett recommended that the parties consider addressing their grievances through community mediation.

6. Leonidas Community Development Corporation David Alvarez and Andreas Hoffman spoke about their goals, including: Affordable Housing, Cost of Living, and Education. Drew Ward noted that a neighborhood/community organization must be registered with the state in order to do education related works. They described their vision as the “Dudley Street Model.”

Notes taken by Meagan Impastato