

Mountainbrook Civic Association meeting

October 14, 2008

Members present:

Ashley Samuelson

Camille Coers

Bill Martin

Glen Drysdale

Jennifer Carwile

Karen Willis

Mike Anderson

Janice Major

~~Sandy Carlson~~

Burt Arrington

- **Minutes from last meeting.** Karen will resend the minutes and we will approve via e-mail.
- **Mission and Vision:** The Board developed a mission and Vision for the Civic Association Board at the Fall planning meeting.
Vote to accept the Mission and Vision Statements: Unanimous: passed
- **Board Member Responsibilities:** Karen asked for everyone to send her a list of things they are responsible for in their position so that we can assess the positions and any changes that might need to be made. We will also assemble a New Board Member packet so new members will have a better understanding of roles and responsibilities.
- **Gas Lights:** The gas lights need repair. They are expensive to run, but will also be expensive to repair. Camille is having a test done now to determine how much gas is currently being used by the lamps and if there is a leak.
- **Park/Playground:** Burt and Ashley should be having a meeting with the park board this month. They will be requesting figures on the parks needs/contributions so we can figure out how that fits into our budget. They will also inform the park board that we are going to be ready to demolish the existing playground equipment, and see if they can contribute to the cost of demolition. We will also recommend making a “work day” for people in the neighborhood to help with some of the mulching and other light maintenance that needs to be done.

Ashley and Janice presented several playground options ranging from \$62,000 (Playmore) - \$13,000 (Backyard Adventures and Just For Fun). Several members of the board will visit a playground built by Backyard Adventures to see the product first-hand. For our next meeting we will have a schematic plan, an exact budget, and a timeline for completion from both BA and JFF

- **Covenants:** Several residents of Mountainbrook have asked about how covenants are enforced in the neighborhood. One thought this raises is adding a Zoning/Covenant position to the Board. Karen has requested that we meet with a paralegal who specializes in civic association matters who can clarify the board’s legal obligations if someone breaks the covenants.
Vote to use a paralegal for up to \$225 to get a clear interpretation of our covenants.
Unanimous: passed
- **Budget:** Karen presented the budget for 2009. With current projections of income from dues, we will have to cut some services to balance the budget. The board was split on whether or not, due to the poor economy, we should raise dues at this time.
Vote to accept the budget as written and determine dues at a later time, once we see what happens with the economy. Unanimous: passed