

## **Board Meeting Minutes March 11, 2009**

Directors Present: Michael Browne, Chair; P.J.Hubbard, Vice-Chair; Robert Hodson, Treasurer; Anne McCandless, Secretary, Dave Haddy, Todd Heinz, Tyrone Jaramillo, Daniel Rother

Directors Absent - Excused: Vladimir Monroe, Keith Reitman

Directors Absent – Unexcused: E.B. Brown, Shannon Hartfiel, Steve Jackson, Robert Wilson, Ben Myers

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

The agenda was presented for approval. The presentations from the Fremont Clinic representative and Kathryn Friberg were moved to the beginning of the agenda. The agenda was approved as amended.

Kathryn Friberg, a resident at 1525 Hillside Ave. N, spoke about the ongoing problems the neighbors are having with 1530 Hillside Avenue N. She also voiced concert about the problems at the car wash at James and Broadway and properties around it. The matters were referred to the Housing committee.

John Mickleson from the Fremont clinic gave a brief talk about the clinic and some of the services their free clinic provides. P.J. Hubbard will be working with them on the American Cancer Society grant project.

The February board minutes and the March Executive Committee minutes were approved with two amendments. Tyrone Jaramillo moved to accept the minutes and Robert Hodson seconded the motion. All present approved.

Robert Hodson gave the finance report. All of the surprise bills have been paid leaving JACC with very shaky finances. Dottie Titus has resigned from the Finance Committee and we need a resident/replacement for her. P.J.Hubbard, Robert Hodson and Anne McCandless met with Debra Thompson from Larson Allen and Associates. We explained our needs. Ms. Thompson in turn sent a letter of engagement for our approval. The estimate for an audit is up to \$10,000 with a \$3000 retainer. It is hard to give a more exact estimate since we do not have the financial records for her to look at. It was agreed that we would retain her with the understanding that we could not exceed \$5000 without further discussion. A motion was made by McCandless that JACC sign the letter of engagement with Larson Allen and send them a check for \$3000 as a retainer. This will be closely monitored by us. If the cost approaches \$5000, continuing the audit will be reconsidered. The motion was seconded by Dan Rother. All directors approved with the exception of P.J. Hubbard who abstained. The motion passed with seven ayes, one abstention and zero nays.

A resident, Peter Rickmeyer, made several suggestions about how JACC could save money and that JACC should have an environmental committee. These items were referred to the Executive committee.

Daniel Rother gave the Housing Committee report from the 3/10/09. He put forth a motion regarding a structure at 2321 Fremont Ave N. which the city has scheduled to tear down. The Housing Committee recommended that demolition be reconsidered. Tyrone Jaramillo seconded the motion. Anne McCandless spoke against this. Tyrone Jaramillo spoke for the owner. Michael Browne pointed out that some months ago JACC had supported the demolition in a report to the city. Bashir Mogul was allowed to speak on his behalf. A vote was taken. Tyrone Jaramillo and Todd Heintz voted to support the retention of the structure. Michael Browne, Robert Hodson, Anne McCandless, and Dan Rother voted against. P.J. Hubbard and Dave Haddy abstained. The motion was not passed, final vote four nays, two ayes and two abstentions.

The Housing Committee is considering working on two community gardens this year. One will be on a lot belonging to Sister Jean and the other will be on the lot JACC owns at 26<sup>th</sup> and Knox. Anne McCandless will try to ascertain what last year's agreement was between Jerry Moore and HMAAS.

Under the topic of Old Business, Michael Browne gave an update on the Probation House. He stated that the County wants JACC to take over the contract from the exterminator. A motion was made by Tyrone Jaramillo that JACC take over the pest control problem at the Probation House. Todd Heinz seconded the motion. It was unanimously passed. P.J. Hubbard and Robert Hodson are still working the refinancing of the house and the new lease.

Michael Browne stated that Councilman Samuels will not consider using the JACC house as a site for holding office hours until after the election in November.

Some discussion was had on the idea of hiring staff for JACC. Until we have a better idea of our finances, this will be very difficult to do.

The board was reminded of the training scheduled for the following Saturday. Each director was asked to donate \$10 for a continental breakfast and lunch. Training will start at 9 AM and end at 4:30 PM.

There was no news on the Livability Forum.

New business was opened with the request for volunteers for the March 21<sup>st</sup> Northside Housing Fair.

Anne McCandless mentioned that the Pohlad Foundation was working on a plan to coordinate several non-profits in their efforts to spruce up the Cottage Park area in September. JACC will be hosting a meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March at the JACC office for these groups.

Dan Rother's motion regarding open meetings was tabled indefinitely and referred to the Governance Committee.

The floor was opened for public comments.

It was announced that the judge had ruled on our TRO in our favor. Georgiana Yantos asked that the court's response be put out community wide.

Dennis Wagner stated he would work on the JACC FLASH and have a draft ready for the Executive Committee in one week.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:30 PM

Minutes submitted by Anne McCandless, Secretary