



Board Meeting Minutes

Millikin Heights Board Meeting – March 16, 2021 Amended

Board Attendees: Alan Duesterhaus; Charlotte Hanks; Mark Peters; Jim Hendren; Krista Foxx; Brian Anselmo

Notes: Due to social distancing requirements associated with the COVID-19 crisis, the meeting was held remotely via a Zoom conference call.

Due to a City Council Candidate Forum hosted at the time of when the normal monthly board meeting would have occurred, the March Board Meeting was moved to March 16, 2021.

Call to Order at 7:00 pm.

The February minutes were not reviewed.

Financial Report –

Total Current Assets = \$7,900.44; Total Assets = \$35,652.44. The Treasury report was accepted as-is.

Old Business:

Beautification:

Discussed the rescheduling of the Neighborhood Cleanup Day in the area surrounding Central Christian Church that was previously scheduled for April 18 of last year, whereby CONO, Beautify Decatur and Pugsley Containers were partnering with us to help with the former event. Details are to be worked out, but the proposed new date is April 24, 2021.

A few items of note:

- At the time of the meeting, Krista had not heard from CONO about using their supplies.
- Plans are to publicize the event on our Facebook site, the 'Nextdoor' site and Krista requested it be advertised on the Beautify Decatur social media.
- Pugsly Containers will provide a dumpster to be placed at Central Christian Church.

Neighborhood Revitalization –

124 N Edward - Alan received a letter from the City on March 4, 2021 regarding the issue of 'paid staff' being a requirement of a CHDO. They referenced information they requested from the Chicago HUD office to further define what is considered a paid staff member.

Some other discussion points:

- Will need to get Mark Birch certified as a Lead Abatement Supervisor which could cost approximately \$2,000.
- The requirement to offer counseling services to a prospective low-income home owner could be potentially offered thru the CICD but we haven't been able to connect with that leadership to discuss details.
- There is general consensus that it is difficult to find prospective homeowners who meet the **Federal** criteria.
- Other related topics broadly discussed:
 - The Johns Hill revitalization efforts by the city, Central Illinois Land Bank, Neighborhood Homes Investment Act.

After an Executive Session was declared and completed, it was agreed that the following would be pursued:

- Focus on Capacity Building with the City.
- Connect with the Community Foundation to explore any funding opportunities.

Board Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectively Submitted, Brian Anselmo