



Board Meeting Minutes

Millikin Heights Board Meeting – July 13, 2021

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

Non-Board Attendees: Mark Birch, Rosemarie Thompson, Kristen Hargrove, April Walker (remote)

Call to Order at 7:00 pm.

The June, 2021 minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

Financial Report –

Total Current Assets = \$6,959.15; Charlotte indicated there were technical difficulties with printing out the financial report, but pointed out that the property taxes (\$503.54) for 124 N Edward were paid. The Treasury report was accepted as-is.

He also referenced the possibility of hosting an ice cream social, possibly in Lincoln Park.

Old Business:

Beautification:

Krista discussed the Neighborhood Cleanup Day that occurred on Saturday, June 26th from 9-11am, along West Main between Oakland and Church Streets. There were six participants and the City picked up the resulting trash bags. A future clean-up was discussed and tentatively looking at another event in the fall time period.

Neighborhood Revitalization:

There was a general discussion to bring April up to speed on the Millikin Heights agenda.

- Alan summarized the philosophy is to obtain abandoned homes, rehabilitate, and rent or sell them to fund more opportunities.
- He used the Johns Hill area of an example of a prototype revitalization area.
- He stated there is individual homeowner assistance available by the City, but it is means based. Also, in the Biden infrastructure plan, there is federal tax credits for single family home improvements.
- One desire that needs a champion would be to organize a summer social, potentially at Lincoln Park, and April indicated she would have an interest in involvement in that type of event, especially if it were in the September time frame.

CHDO based discussion -

- Alan indicated he met with Richelle Dunbar and Vickie Buckingham about the CHDO project and they talked about lead abatement, risk assessment, appraisal, Mark taking on-line CHDO training, and a representative from the CICD would fulfill the counseling service requirement.
- We are anticipating a letter of support from the City to Lincoln Land Credit Union regarding the loan application.
- 124 N. Edward property taxes – Alan indicated that as a not for profit organization, property taxes are not required to be paid, but indicated he had a preference to pay the taxes and not request a new assessment in order to support the City development that is funded from the taxes. In response, Mark suggested that we would still be supporting the City, by using the funds saved from the taxes to promote neighborhood development. There was also sentiment that initially, not pay taxes at least until the affected property was able to be put into practical use. No decision on how to proceed was made at this time.

Other Business:

There was much discussion regarding trash hauling in general and the need for more transparent billing rules, as well as requirements to remove receptacles from the curb on non-trash pick-up days.

Board Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectively Submitted, Brian Anselmo