

Renaissance Park Community Association NFP

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

April 12, 2015 – 4:00 PM

641 West Main Street, Peoria, Illinois 61606

- **Call to Order 4:06PM**

- **Introductions of new RPCA Officers; Board Members**

- New officers and current board members were introduced.
- Nick announced that he plans to appoint Abby Gettys to the Board of Directors with approval of the board.

- **Membership Renewals / Liability Waivers Discussion**

- Liability waivers and membership applications were passed out.
- Volunteers need only to sign the liability waiver, all voting members must fill out application (if information has changed) and pay the \$12 dues for voting rights.
- For the upcoming year, membership hours will begin with a clean slate. This ensures all members entering RPCA in 2015 will not be penalized for not completing the required hours last year.

- **Unfinished Business**

- o Garfield Greenspace (Update)

- The board plans to move forward with this project. The lease is available for review upon request. By signing the lease, RPCA will take on this project for the next three growing seasons. Our expectation is that the space will be ready for planting at next year's growing season. The Main Street garden will still be top priority.

- o West Main Street Banners (Update)

- The West Main Merchants Association is in the process of completing the project of putting up new banners along the Main Street corridor. Per and Josh sat in at the last WMMA meeting and reported that the progress on the project is unknown. RPCA has given its blessing that whichever design is selected, has our approval. The project is completely at the hands of the WMMA.

- **Regular Business**

- o Treasurer's Report

- Per reminded members that might not have been at the March meeting that the fundraising gala in February raised a net of about \$5,000 for the association, giving us a bank balance of about \$7,000. Another event that was funded by RPCA was sending four officers and one board member to the Neighborhood Leadership Banquet on March 26. However, the attendees have agreed to reimburse RPCA.

- o Committee Reports - deferred/none at this time

- o West Main Garden Plan / Discussion

- Today's workday in the garden will be mostly preparation work. The general meeting in May will be primarily planting in the garden. Members discussed acquisition of water for

the garden. Blue is still available to donate water. There are three large barrels at Blue that we discussed could be used as rain barrels. There is a downspout on the building immediately east of the garden that could possibly be diverted into a rain barrel with permission. ABD Gas station has a water faucet that could possibly be used with permission.

o First Friday Special Events Planning (Music / Bands / Etc.)

- Jordan Blimbaum has agreed to continue to organize music in the garden on First Fridays. Members agreed that more First Friday (and general outdoor) events in the garden would be beneficial. Any members with ideas for the events in the garden are encouraged to inform any officer or board member so it can be considered.

• **New Business**

o Electronic Logging of Volunteer Hours (<http://bit.ly/1BEw0c7>)

- In order to make logging community hours more accessible to members, please use the link above (it is also on the Renaissance Park Planning Facebook group page) to input hours volunteered. Paper hour sheets will still be available, but electronic logging of hours is preferred.

o Bradley VIBE / RPCA Garden Earth Day Event

- VIBE is a Bradley University student group focused on public relations. Their project is to include a for profit corporation (Hoerr Nursery) and a not-for-profit corporation (RPCA) and create a PR event. The group chose to center their event around Earth Day (April 22). The event will be held from 1pm-5pm in the garden. Members are encouraged to stop by and give more information about RPCA and its mission to any event attendees.

• **Open Discussion**

• **Adjournment 4:56PM**