

Renaissance Park Community Association NFP NEIGHBORHOOD NOMS MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2015 – 7:00 PM

Peking Restaurant 430 West Main Street, Peoria, Illinois 61606

• Call to Order 7:15PM

• Unfinished Business

- Keep Peoria Beautiful Fundraiser Recap & Plaque Donation
 - RPCA was awarded with a "property maintenance" award for the community garden.
 - Sunbeam bldg and Muir bldg were also given awards.
 - We will donate the plaque to ABD gas station for display inside the gas station.
- Board Biographies & photos
 - This is something that will be on the web site.
- "Featured Volunteer/Excellent Volunteer" Award Program
 - Monthly or quarterly award to acknowledge our volunteers for their time. This is similar to when we gave out plaques at the winter fundraiser. Abby would be willing to help with written "thank you" notes

• Regular Business

- Treasurer's Report
 - For the month of August, expenses were mostly garden/greenspace with some sanitation expenses. RPCA bought a canopy for \$279 and a banner was donated. September expenses were just paint for the water barrel project. Revenue has been dues from one member.
- Outreach/Diversity Committee
 - Bradley University Late Night - Justine has been in contact with student organizer. Bradley will foot the bill for whatever project RPCA wants to sponsor. We discussed having students paint tiles, then donating the tile mosaic to a local business for display. The goal is to get RPCA recognized among Bradley students.
 - Neighborhood "Best Kept Property" Award Program - Abby has uploaded a letter to the RPCA Facebook page. It was decided that recipients would be chosen based on vague/minimal criteria. The goal is to acknowledge single family homes that are viewed as "diamonds in the rough." Two letters and accompanying plaques will be sent out before the end of the fall season.
- Garden/Greenspace Committee
 - Main Street Garden Update
 - Justine has contacted Bob and Golda for any advice about planting sturdy fall plants. The garden will be expanded in the spring.
 - Water Barrel Art Project Update
 - Due to being overwhelmed with work, Justine has passed the leading of the art project to Adam. Adam has a goal of finishing the white coat and

reaching out to artists by the end of the week. Two potentially interested artists are Heather Brauemieier and Jessica Bingham.

- **Special Events Committee**
 - Future Fundraiser Discussion
 - No alcohol can be served at our events unless we are at a venue with their own liquor license.
 - The future outdoor ice skating rink at the Civic Center could be a place for us to give out free cider/hot chocolate (etc.) with a donation jar. Emily is going to contact Stacy Peterson or community development for more information.
 - Other ideas were a trivia night and a bingo night fundraiser.
 - Trash or Treat (Halloween Neighborhood Cleanup via COP)
 - Large scale trash cleanup
 - This could be promoted on our Facebook page even if the city is going to be promoting it themselves.

- **New Business**

- Structure/Schedule of future meetings/workdays
 - Members in attendance were in agreement that monthly regular meetings were adequate. Workdays could be bimonthly with a goal of focusing on one project per work day.
- New attractions: Fifth Avenue Fashions Mural, Tasty's Chicago Grill
 - Keep an eye out for the mural and stop by Tasty's when it opens :)

- **Open Discussion**

- Danette (from Basket Case) has reached out to us to help.
- Keep reaching out to neighbors and business owners
- Sheltered bus stops/benches is a possible future project
- Public bulletin board is a possible future project
- Birdhouse libraries are a possible future project. Herb Gress makes birdhouse libraries.

- **Adjournment 8:23PM**