

To: Neighborhood Association File

Re: Minutes of June 2, 2015 Meeting, 7:15 – 8:15 PM, Simpson-Hamline Methodist Church

Secretary: Cecelia Waldeck

Attendees: 11 Neighbors

Summary Minutes:

1. Minutes from the May 5, 2015 Meeting will be approved if no comments are received from Elisa or Susie by June 9, 2015.
2. Organization Form Vote: This vote was deferred due to prioritizing the organization of the upcoming block party, scheduled for Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 4 PM.
3. Block Captains: Except for the streets identified below, block captains are assigned to blocks in the association footprint (Upshur to Decatur from the north and south; 14th to 16th Streets from the east to west). These block captains received instructions on contacting neighbors to encourage them to join the Listserv and attend the neighborhood block party. Additionally, block captains are collecting the addresses of neighbors who prefer paper communications from the Association and distributing surveys to guide the association's future activities.
4. We continue to seek block captain volunteers for the blocks on Crittendon Street NW, Decatur Street NW, Piney Branch Street NW, 4800 15th St NW, 4300 15th St NW, and 1400 Varnum Street. If you know a neighbor on these blocks who would be a good block captain, please let us know.
5. The Summer Block Party: We have obtained a permit to limit parking on the 4300 block of 15th St. NW, between Varnum and Webster Streets on Sunday, June 14, 2015. Advance notices of the parking restriction will be shared with neighbors on the block and Elisa will have the city notices of this parking restriction posted several days before the event.

The party is a "Meet and Greet" potluck where we will encourage neighbors to socialize and meet new neighbors. We will ask attendees to sign in and wear name tags (Elisa) at the party. There will be activities for children and, if a nearby field is mowed in time (Elisa), we will have soccer for older children (Carriellen). Some city officials will be invited – the Mayor (Craig C.), Brandon Todd (Craig C.), At-large Council members (Craig C.), Ward 4 ANC representatives (Elisa), and a police representative from 4D (Craig C.). At the party, you can sign-up for our Listserv (Jack and possibly Greg) and complete our neighborhood survey. The results of the surveys will be shared on the Listserv.

The Association will provide ice (Jack), water (Jack), and lemonade (Elisa) for drinks; plates and silverware (Elisa); cups (Cecelia); Napkins (Jack); tablecloths (Cecelia and Carriellen); a charcoal and a gas grill (Herbert) on which you can grill any items that you bring; grilling utensils (Cecelia); mustard, relish and ketchup (Carriellen); a birthday cake for 1915 homes

(Cecelia); buns for grilled items (Cecelia); vegetarian food items (Elisa and attending Neighbors); other food items (Sandra, Craig, and attending Neighbors); and trash bags (Brian).

Infrastructure items: Cones for blocking the street (Beth); coolers (Carriellen, Susie, Elisa, and possibly Charlie and Kim); buckets for ice (Jack and Cecelia); basket for collecting donations for the association (Elisa); We need tables and chairs for the event and Elisa will reach out to the nearby Greek church to see if we can borrow some tables and chairs. If not, we will need to ask nearby neighbors attending the block party to provide tables and chairs. Please let Elisa (irwinleven@hotmail.com) or Cecelia (cwald4517@gmail.com) know if you have access to tables and chairs that can be easily transported to the location of the party.

Local merchants have been invited to the summer block party and Susie and Cecelia will follow up with the restaurants to coordinate any food donations.

Clean-up: We will need volunteers for cleaning-up the block after the party.

Music: Jack can provide music but we need access to a music player. If anyone knows someone who can provide a player, please contact Cecelia or Elisa.

Volunteer organizers of the party may meet the day before the block party if needed to organize. We will begin setting up the infrastructure for the party at 2:30 PM.

6. Upcoming ANC Activities:

- a. At next Wednesday's ANC meeting, Ms. Melinda Bollinger of DCRA will make a thirty minute presentation. Additionally, the ANC will be organizing a longer community meeting with Ms. Bollinger in the near future. DCRA regulates building permits, abandoned properties, property maintenance (grass height), business permits, occupancy permits, building code compliance and many other local issues. We encourage you to attend these meetings with Ms. Bollinger.
- b. Joe Maloney who is the ANC representative for the neighbors on Crittendon and the streets north of Crittendon up to Kennedy Street plans to vacate his seat in August. We encourage neighbors on those streets to recommend a new representative to replace Joe. Joe has been a diligent ANC representative and many of us are grateful for his service to the neighborhood.

OFFICIAL MINUTES APPROVED ON JULY 7, 2015

Cecelia Waldeck
Co-Chair