

MPNA 2017 General Meeting
March 13, 2017, 6:30-8:30 PM
Myers Park Community Room
Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order by the MPNA president Piers Rawling at 6:30 PM. There was a very good turnout with more than 35 neighbors present.

The first item of business was the election of the 2017 MPNA board. Both Linc Clay (Vice President) and Wayne Spinks (Board Member) opted to end their service, leaving two vacancies on the board. A call for volunteers was made with Gunilla Trull responding positively. Also, Peter Grasel offered to serve as VP as well as the CONA representative. With a slate of the board of directors assembled, a vote was held and the slate approved. The composition of the MPNA 2017 board of directors is as follows.

- Piers Rawling, President
- Peter Grasel, Vice President and CONA representative
- Cindy Cosper, Treasurer
- Donna Heald, Recording Secretary
- Dixie Davis, Web Site Manager
- Vern Williams, Board Member
- Gunilla Trull, Board Member

While the board is one member smaller than last year, the by-laws specify that the board is composed of from five to nine directors, so a seven-member board is sufficient.

The second item of business was the Treasurer's report. Cindy Cosper reported that we have about \$3000 cash on hand, with \$2000 of that amount being contributions for the parks parcel signs and \$1000 being MPNA funds. At least three hundred signs were printed and distributed by the sign team (Heather Fleming, Ann Mazzanovich, and Craig Mader).

The last item of business was a discussion of the status of the parks parcel land use amendment/rezoning issue. Piers Rawling gave an overview of the situation including the background, the status, and what is planned for the near term. The background is that the City proposed to change the land use and zoning of the 9.5 acres holding the City Parks and Recreation office from RP-2 to CU-12, and then to sell the land for development consistent with CU-12. The status is that the land use amendment/rezoning application has been withdrawn by the City in favor of working with the neighborhoods to determine the best disposition of the parcel. What is planned is "visioning" by the neighborhoods to determine how we would like to see the land used. The results of the visioning will be passed to a committee of neighbors and other interested parties chaired by Commissioner Gil Ziffer. That committee will develop a recommendation to take to the City Commission.

Joan Helms from the visioning committee gave an overview of the process and the approximate timetable. Steve Jennings, also a member of the visioning committee, amplified some of the points made by Joan regarding the visioning process and outcome. The visioning committee will provide more details of the process in the next couple of weeks. (The Visioning Committee is composed of both Myers Park and Woodland Drives

residents. The Myers Park representatives are Joan Helms, Steve Jennings, and Julie Clark.)

Questions and discussion of the issue, status, and disposition of the parcel followed Piers' introduction of the subject. (If readers of these notes desire additional background information about this subject, see the MPNA website at this link: [http://myersparkna.org/topics/parks-office-proposal/.](http://myersparkna.org/topics/parks-office-proposal/))

During the discussion, Piers noted that as a result of the parks parcel and similar development issues such as the Frenchtown student housing proposal, several in-town neighborhoods are now working together in an alliance to support neighborhood preservation, which is one of the central tenets of the comprehensive plan.

After a lengthy discussion of the issues and possible outcomes, the meeting was adjourned.