

RSCA Executive Committee Meeting

June 29, 2009

In attendance: C. Weber, P. DiRenzo, D. Rapp, K. Griffin, N. Harrison

Meeting called to order at 6:30.

1. Nominations

Carrie reminded committee members to encourage nominees. Pat Dierenzo will contact Theresa Simuel re. Treasurer position.

2. Thays Way Paving

Executive Committee discussed pros and cons of supporting residents petition to pave Thays Way, an alley in Regent Square. Committee voted to support the petition. Carrie Webber to write a letter supporting the project but asking that any dissenting voices, should there be any, are also taken into consideration.

3. Grant Money for additional projects

Committee brainstormed ideas for additional civic projects. It was agreed that polling residents either online or via the newsletter would best serve the needs and wants of the community. Among the committee's suggestions were an informational kiosk perhaps by the mural or elsewhere along the Braddock Avenue business corridor, bike racks, additional trash cans, trees, paving over the bricks by the Center for Creative Play building. It was also agreed that the poll could consider a few questions re. how residents would best like to receive future communications (ie. online, e-mail, newsletter, etc.).

4. 2010 Yard Sale

Improvements to the Yard Sale for next year were discussed. Much of the discussion included ways to reach out beyond the neighborhood. Among the ideas suggested were to work with Frick Environmental School to supply tents and tables which could then be rented to local arts organizations such as the Penn Avenue Arts Initiative and other similar organizations. Providing a booth or location for appraisals of peoples antique "treasures" was also suggested.

5. Fundraiser

Committee agreed to explore a fundraising raffle to help increase awareness of RSCA, improve relations between RSCA and the business community and raise additional money for future neighborhood improvement projects. Tentatively called the "Drive for \$5" (as in \$5,000), the concept is essentially to sell raffle tickets for assorted prizes, many of which tie back to the local businesses. The drawing will be held during the annual meeting on November 9th. Neal Harrison will submit a proposal on this project.

6. Next Meeting

Committee agreed that Neal's wine was OK but Kathryn's appeared to be more popular. Next full committee meeting scheduled for August 3, 2009 at Wilkins School.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.