



Freemason Street Area Association

February 17, 2016
Freemason Harbour Condominium
Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order by Jack Kavanaugh at 7:00 PM at the Freemason Harbour Condominiums.

Roll Call: members present: Jack Kavanaugh, Shirley Ward, Betty O’Garr, Marie Torrans, Spencer Darrow, Buster Wilson, Jennifer Cordovana, Michael McCartney, Sarah Whiting, Madeline Sly, and Ginger Van de Water.

President’s Report:

- **Humbolt Pizza:** The Planning Commission has approved the opening of a new pizza restaurant on the first floor of the Town Center Building called Humbolt Pizza. It is owned by the Humbolt Steel Corporation.
- **Board Emeritus Status** for Harold Protsman a founding member of the FSAA confirmed. He has served continuously since 1977. Jack asked that we create a framed document to be presented to him.
- **Admiral Farragut Park:** the name was approved. The Belmont plans to erect a lighted flag pole and move the doggie stand to the corner. They will supply the doggie bags.
- **Serendip property:** To be occupied by Space Design previously on Botetourt Street.
- **The Cure** will be expanding into three spaces including the space vacated by Space Design.
- **Honking complaints:** the residents close to the “Y” are complaining about the honking horns of cars as they are being locked.
- **Four-way stops and/or speed bumps** have been requested at several intersections in an attempt to slow speeders and prevent stop sign runners.
- **Speeders on the cobble streets:** observation of the street at various times did not support the complaints.
- **The Wave Church** is moving into the old La Galleria space on Freemason.
- **TCC** will not be moving to the Farm Fresh space; Farm Fresh is still deliberating a grocery store.

Speakers for upcoming meetings:

March:

- Three Mayoral Candidates, the Super-ward 6 Candidates and one school Board Candidate

May:

- Karen Sherberger: Harborfest update, 2017 Regalia and international tall ships

Future possible speakers:

- TCC - Farm Fresh Update
- K-9 or Food Bank
- Mary Miller, plans for the Neon Arts District

Membership Report: 54 individuals, 2 condos and 4 businesses have paid thus far for 2016.

Secretary’s Report: Betty O’Garr

- Minutes from the January General Membership Meeting were posted on the website prior to this meeting for review; no changes were made. Motion to file the Secretary’s report was made, seconded and passed.



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- A history of Board membership and committees with their roles for the past four years has been developed as a resource for the Board and future members. A copy was given to members for editing.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley Ward reported a balance of \$2,028.04 in our account. She will be mailing invoices to the condominiums this week.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter: the next scheduled Newsletter may be delayed.

Nominations Committee:

- The President appointed a nominating committee of Madeline Sly and Marie Torrans with Marie as Chair. They are to find a non-board member and report back at the General Meeting in March.
- All four Board members up for reelection were asked from the floor if they wished to stay in their positions and all four agreed:
 - Jack Kavanaugh
 - Sarah Whiting
 - Mike McCartney
 - Buster Wilson

Pagoda: Madeline Sly

- The Pagoda will remain closed until late March. Phillip Thomason, chef at the Vintage Restaurant is to be the new chef. This will be his second restaurant.
- Events are planned for Sunday May 29th to celebrate Memorial Day; Sat., July 2nd to celebrate the 4th of July and Sun., Sept 4th to celebrate Labor Day.
- Mike McCartney made a motion for FSAA to support the renovations to the park once they are approved by the city. It was seconded and approved by the Board.

Historic Oversight Committee: Gerry Roth—no report

EARNN: Sarah Whiting

- Fifty points are needed, we have 10 ; the Great American Cleanup will bring 15 and the electronic recycling will bring 5.
- In May we will discuss Hurricane Preparedness.

Old Business:

- City signs for Freemason tourists: it was decided this would benefit the neighborhood. The type, number and placement is to be determined. A subcommittee entitled the New City Working Group has been formed to address this.
- Doggie bags: we have exceeded our budget for free doggie bags. We will continue to research support from other agencies so we can maintain a supply.
- Flags instead of bows: Jerry Roth, Greta Gustavson and Madeline Sly formed a committee to review the cost of purchasing and installing flags in place of bows. A fundraiser social will take place at the Pagoda to offset the cost of the bows.

Board Member Announcements:

The next General Meeting is scheduled for March 17th at 7 PM at the Blocker YMCA.



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The next Board Meeting is April 20th at 7 PM at Freemason Harbour Condominiums.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Betty O’Garr, Secretary