

RNA Minutes of March 25, 2008 Meeting

Exec Meeting:

- Communications: Next newsletter in about 3 weeks. Will produce talking points for newspaper interviews and NDSU Master Plan forum
- Special events: rental forum – try for September, still need someone to oversee this event, include Development Foundation
- Institutions: NDSU Master plan forum Jim and Ken will attend the April meeting, others welcome, schedule not yet available. Jim and Ken meeting with new school superintendent still pending.
- Membership and website: need new coordinator for membership, need a listserv that is accessible to more than one person so minutes and new members can be posted by more than one person (share the workload) Ken will talk with Bud.
- Roosevelt use policy – we will do our own setup and cleanup in the future.
- Non-profit articles – need to be filed with ND, do we need to change by-laws? Tabled

Business Meeting:

Treasurer's Report: \$2943.85

Old Business:

- Parking forum – went well, good contacts with NDSU and City, invited to participate in NDSU Master Plan forums
- February Warm-up – went well, good turnout, Katie Bartelson will chair again next year, has new ideas
- Roosevelt Park – still trying to get beds authorized by district, students will try to encourage project with their contact, Officer Deal will mention to Lt. Vettel; John Bultman may have gotten a sign moved up on the district priority list; community picnic on June 4 and July 30, do we want to participate again? Who will organize?
- HMR transition – starting next fall, 2-3 sections for most grades, agreed that K-2 will go to Horace Mann and grades 3-5 to Roosevelt; should neighborhood associations combine (shared interests) or remain separate (different situations/neighbors)?
- NDSU Grant – deadline for use has been extended beyond June; proposal for service learning project with traditional/folk/bluegrass music and dancing received mixed support; proposal to combine service learning and bedding plant funds into one event (Horticulture Day at Roosevelt Park?) received enthusiastic support. (see Roosevelt Park report about flower beds) Martha will contact Northern Plains Botanical Society to see if they could provide the educational segment; include plant exchange?
- 12th Ave. Corridor – construction has begun on viaduct, apartments to open soon, “overflow” parking to T-lot by Gilbertson project a potential issue.
- NDSU Development Foundation plans – what are they?

New Business:

- Joint event with HMANA – invite to hort day, no other ideas mentioned
- Possible zoning changes - west of drainage ditch may be rezoned to encourage more tear-down of substandard housing and infill with nice-looking apartments, off-street parking; area is 96% rental.
- Nomination process – Deb and Anita don't have time this year; Ken and Martha will work on this; need a new treasurer for sure, since Martha has served three terms.

Other News:

- NDSU is sponsoring a Town Hall meeting on high risk drinking, April 9, 7-8:30pm at the Alumni Center, open to the public, we should have a presence.
- NDSU Master Plan forum – week of April 21.

Minutes by Martha and Ken