

## **1. Housekeeping**

a. Role Call: Teppie Schueller (Pres.), Trini Bielski (V. Pres.), Pastor Paul Schleis (Sec.), Kelly Schumacher, Mike Bielski, Gretchen Mitchell, Dan Pagel, Maria Milano, Laura McCoy

Absent, excused: Denise Schleis (Treas.), Carol Macaux, Jane Jadin

Absent, unexcused:

b. Approve minutes from November 2003: *approved as presented.*

c. Treasurer's Report: Pastor Schleis will check out payments to FullfilNet (why the variances, in recent bills) *approved as presented.*

## **2. City Update:**

a. Alderman Theisen: see the "Parking Issues" report below. Also, Tony has some articles for the new Astor Outlook newsletter.

b. County Supervisor Gower: no report.

c. Cheryl Renier-Wigg (Neighborhood): The January 17 seminar on running neighborhood meetings was quite worthwhile.

## **3. Guests**

a. Union Congregational Church presentation on handicapped/elderly housing proposal

From: Rev. Chuck Mize, Mel Polarick, Phil, Tom (Dimension IV). Union CC has always been involved in housing in the area, especially Habitat to Humanity. The city of GB was able to acquire some property adjacent to Union CC, and was hoping Union CC would purchase the property, and remove the derelict buildings, at 50/50 cost split. Now, three other adjacent properties are becoming available, SW corner of Jefferson and Cass area. Union CC would like to do something, as part of their ministry, as opposed to what a developer would do. Union CC is considering four owner-occupied, handicapped accessible condominiums, attractive to the elderly. The two middle units would be two story. Union CC would have control, through a condominium association, of maintenance. Price range is estimated around \$140,000, for the single story units.

Questions were asked about ownership and rentals (sellers could not sublet the condos), designs (security, two car garages), groundbreaking (ideally Fall 2004), condo rules (recorded as part of the deed), zoning (there would have to be a rezoning approved, from the city), community concerns (historic look, individual units vs. Condo concept).

*The ANA Board is in favor of the Union CC preliminary concepts for this housing.*

## **4. Event Reports**

a. Wine Tasting: Fri., Jan. 23. About 45 people have already signed up, and advanced payments have been turned over to the Treasurer. We normally have about 85-100 people come. \$12.50/person, going to Wine Premiere.

Catering will run about \$400. Gretchen, Dan, and Maria will help set up.

b. Ice Skating with the Astor/East River Association: Sat., January 31, 2004, noon - 3 PM, weather permitting. *Bake My Day* is donating cookies!

c. Annual Meeting: Mon., March 15, at First Lutheran, 743 S. Monroe Ave.

d. Easter Egg Hunt: the Sat. morning before Easter. Might Jean Angelli be persuaded into being the “bunny”?

## **5. Communication**

a. Flyers: one flyer for the Annual meeting, Easter egg hunt, and trail cleanup.

b. Newsletter: hopefully out in mid February.

## **6. Ongoing projects**

a. Street Sign Project: Teppie distributed a timeline, and report, on difficulties with price quotes and materials. The city’s price, presently about \$16,000, is over our budgeted cost (\$15,500) and plans (replacement signs). We feel that, somehow, the city went ahead in ordering materials, without ANA official approval of costs and invoices.

*The ANA Board representatives wish to meet with GB Public Works, to resolve differences. Tony will set up the meeting.*

b. Hospital corridor/Parking issues/St. V. Ramp: the proposed ramp would not fill up, until 20 years from now. Bellin wants to put a heliport south of the Medical Arts building. Concerns were expressed about the number of helicopters coming in, and the accompanying noise. We look for a resolution at our Annual meeting.

c. St. James Shelter house painting slated for Spring

## **7. New Business**

a. Bicycle/Pedestrian map committee: Kelly has received some suggestions.

b. New Board members: There will be elections at the Annual meeting. Teppie does not wish to be reelected as President, but would be willing to stay on the Board. Trini B., Mike B., Pastor Schleis, Gretchen, Maria, Dan and Kelly are willing to stay on the Board. Laura McCoy does not wish to be reelected to the Board, but is willing to help out on specific projects. It might be helpful to have a high school student, and senior citizens, on our Board as well. Board members are asked to talk to at least two friends, to see if they might be interested in serving on the Board.

## **8. Adjourn, 8:25 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Paul D. Schleis, Secretary