

MINUTES (abbreviated) ROOTS Foundation Committee Meeting

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Thursday, March 28, 2013

Mahany/Meininger Senior Community Center

Members Present: Andrea Makar, Tom McGannon, Brendan Wehrung, Barry Shulman, Alex Fike, Jim Rasor, Terrence O'Rourke, Joan Koelsch.

Members Excused: Bill Willard, Helen Cost, Frank Houston.

Meeting Called to order at 7:00 pm

Approval of Minutes: Approved.

City Commission Comments:

At the April 1st City Commission meeting there will be a discussion to repeal the open burn prohibition. Part of the discussion will be about issuing permits to burn. Decision would need to be made on what the collected money would be used for (Parks & Rec, maybe)?

Jim Rasor also reinforced that City Commissioners cannot give direction to city employees.

Old Business:

1) 501(c)3 sub team update

Alex Fike, Andrea Makar, Helen Cost and Stewart Meek will be attending a Non-Profit seminar on becoming a 501(c)3 that will be put on by the State of Michigan Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs in Lansing on April 25th.

We need feedback from the member groups on becoming a 501c3. Tom will send out an email to have this distributed to all members.

Jim Rasor made a motion that we move forward with becoming a 501c3. They agreed with the exception of Barry who abstained because the information had not yet been presented to the Farmers Market Committee.

Jim made a second motion that we seek City Commission approval to move forward. Again, everyone agreed with the exception of Barry who abstained for the reason stated above.

The information regarding the 501c3 will be presented to the City Commission on 4/15. Tom and Alex will present. Andrea will send information on frequently asked questions to help support the proposal.

2) Amendment to the City Ordinance to formalize alternate members.

The ordinance change goes into effect on 4/1/2013.

3) Donations on water bill

We still need a flyer put together that can be included with the water bill mailings explaining the program.

4) Future community events and fundraisers.

Alex Fike gave an update on Park Fest.

Tom made a motion to provide \$1,500 of ROOTS money to Parks & Rec to support Park Fest (\$1000 for promotion and \$500 for materials). Everyone agreed with the exception of Alex who abstained because he is on Parks & Rec.

Tom McGannon will check with the owners of "The Fifth" and "Tequila Blue" to see if they plan to hold Cinco de Mayo celebrations again this year that would benefit ROOTS. From what Barry has heard they are not interested in doing this again.

New Business

Tom made a motion that we accept donations from a fundraiser at Ye Olde Saloon on 8/24. All we need to do is provide a volunteer to provide information on our group.

At our next meeting we need to elect a chair and co-chair for ROOTS. Please come to the meeting with your nomination(s) or email them ahead of time to Paige if you cannot attend. We need quorum to vote.

NEXT MEETING: April 25TH at 7pm (Mahany/Meininger Senior Community Center)