

## **BASWA MEETING**

### **Wednesday July 9, 2008**

Present: Chris Jones, Jennie Posey, Philip Duquette, Kathryn Keenan, Betsy Matthews, Karrie Laughton, John Rath, Broc Garit, Doug Root, Tracy Saville, Bob Boyd

#### ***1. Star Alley***

- Peter Saxe has coordinated a group of volunteers to build 3-4 picnic benches for Star Alley. They will also be building a canopy and railings for the stage. The volunteers will be here for one week in July.
- Once picnic tables are completed it was suggested to invite artist to paint the tables. A theme was discussed. It was decided artist can do their own theme.
- In addition to the tables it was suggested that we can expand the project to include the fence and stage.
- Artist will be asked to bring their own brushes and clean up after they are done.
- Once tables are completed and dry, BASWA members will apply a marine varnish to protect the tables.
- John will try and get oops paints from paint stores.
- It was also mentioned that Friday July 25<sup>th</sup> is Pete Saxe birthday. Chris will check with Peter to see if he would be able to come to happy hour to celebrate at Lux 6pm.

#### ***2. Karen Monroe***

- Karen Monroe, RIT student, is moving forward with her recycling project along South Avenue.
- The City of Rochester will be providing her with bins.
- Karen will be placing bins asap for 5 weeks.
- Sites identified; South and Gregory, Hamilton Street and Alexander and South

#### ***3. Grants***

- The Small Business Matching Grants from the City of Rochester/Economic Development are available.
- Grants are matching up to \$3000
- Grants are for computers, architect assistance, interior design assistance advertising, exterior improvements and security systems.
- Telana Nieves is the contact person. She will be at BASWA's next meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup> to answer questions and will have applications available.

#### ***4. Cinema at Sunset Film Festival***

- Volunteers are needed to help out at Highland Bowl during the film fest.
- Need – set up and clean up people
  - Food vendors
  - Campers – BASWA needs people to camp out overnight to protect the Theater screen and the projection booth. Volunteers are needed every night after the movies are over.
  - Boulder Coffee will supply coffee to those in need.

**5. *Echo –Tone***

- In conjunction with Catholic Family Services Echo Tone will be holding a Punk Rock Party/Fundraiser for the homeless behind their building on August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Echo Tone is asking for sponsorships and food donations.

**6. *Cypress/Linden Block Party***

- The annual Cypress/Linden Block Party will be held on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Organizers are asking for small gifts from area business's for their raffle.
- Business's are invited to stop by and say hello.

**7. *Highland Garage***

- Chris reports that the garage will be completed April, 2009.

**8. *River Park Commons***

- Bob Boyd reports that EIS is closed for public comment on Conifer's project on Mt. Hope Avenue formally known at River Park Commons.
- Bob has been meeting with Conifer regarding neighborhood concerns and Conifer agrees to address those concerns and has hired a new architect.