

BASWA Meeting Minutes

February 10th, 2010 6:00pm at Tap & Mallet

Attending:

Chris Jones, Jennifer Posey, Matt McCarthy, Philip Duquette, Karrie Laughton, Rose O'Keefe, Pete Saxe, Lee Iannone, K. Wilmarth, Carlene Woodward, and Jim Wolff

Agenda:

- 1) **SE Area Dog Park?** We'll open the discussion about potential locations for a dog park in our area and gather feedback on this possible project. Locations were discussed including: Wadsworth(space around the inner loop), Highland Park, Ashland and Gregory, 155 Mt. Hope, space by Nasty Ds Bar, and U of R property. Pete Saxe suggested that we start creating public support for such a project as well as a budget for fencing and general dog park basics. Saxx will look into the possibility and or give BASWA contacts of working with some of these locations.
- 2) **SW Scavenger Hunt:** BASWA is going to plan a scavenger hunt to be held in the late spring or early summer, that would promote our businesses and also act as a fundraiser (people would pay to enter the hunt). This idea was discussed with the group in a positive way. Lee from City Newspaper said she would look into past scavenger events that might help us in planning a promoting such an event.
- 3) **SW Architecture Slide Show Fundraiser:** We'll also be hosting a Landmark Society-sponsored slide show about the historic architecture of the South Wedge. We need to determine a date and ticket price. Doing this event on the 3rd Thursday in May was discussed. Different locations were discussed. The event would last about an hour and the cost will be around \$10.
- 4) **Third Thursdays Art & Music Series:** For the 4th year we'll be hosting free concerts in Star Alley Park to bring people into the neighborhood on Thursday evenings. This year we are opening the event up to business sponsorships: if you'd like to pay a band of your choice (with BASWA approval) to play at one of our concerts (held the Third Thursday of each month from May through October) we will promote it and provide the PA and sound engineer. Pete Saxe announced that the demolition of the old building behind Joe Baileys is scheduled in spring (May at the latest) and to hold off planning our concerts until June. He said the City will help move rocks and other Star Alley stuff before the demolition. He also said the city will fence where the building comes down (because the building acted as a fence between Joe's and Star Alley).
- 5) **Financial Report**-handed out to the group.

Comments:

1. Rent on Star Alley-Is it possible we are getting over charged? Will negotiate with city over new lease.
2. Adding parking meters to South Ave? The City monitors them and BASWA keeps the money people feed into them. This is something to consider in the long run.

3. Possibly combining parking lot at Xpedx with public lot next door to gain 12 or more additional parking spaces. Landlord contacts need to be made. (Chris to contact)
4. City Newspaper's Annual Manual call for ad's announced.
5. Rose-date still not planned for history event.