

Mississippi Mills Residents' Association

Board of Directors, Minutes of Meeting, January 24, 2007, 7:30 pm; Market2World Boardroom

In attendance: George Yaremchuk, Jill McCubbin, Shaun McLaughlin, Arnie Francis

Regrets: Mike Boire; **Guests/Observers:** Anne Colterman, Pauline Donaldson

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting, Nov 22/06 (Approved)
2. Treasurer's Report – JM noted little change in finances. Dec bank balance \$1170
3. Business Arising:
 - a. First Impressions Program - Board fully supports this positive initiative. GNY to seek help from John Willard to initiate/ coordinate this effort. Action plan at next Board meeting **(George)**
 - b. Recorded Voting Letter and follow-up with Request for Delegation Status: AF to lay out 4 simple ideas in a letter to Council. **(Arnie)**
 - Request electronic (A-V) recording of meetings
 - Request immediate publication of draft minutes to Town website
 - Request instituting a recording secretary to ensure independent and objective note taking at Committee and Council meetings
 - Request Town-requested mandatory electronic submissions (e.g. from contractors, developers, etc) be made available in electronic format to encourage easier public access to material.
4. Membership:
 - a. AF would continue to look after the membership database until further notice.
 - b. Board discussion on membership renewals: \$15/\$25, January to December 2007 – agreed to defer to next meeting. GNY suggestion for membership drive in conjunction with a fun activity; e.g. Film Night with Neil Young's Prairie Wind. Membership renewal by mail also discussed as a more effective approach.
 - c. Distributing MMRA Membership forms (e.g. Jan 30 PEDC meeting), SM suggested that membership form should accompany a short list of things MMRA is working on, to demonstrate "why join". General agreement. **(Arnie to put together)**
5. Communications and activities
 - a. AF would put out next Communiqué over the weekend before Jan 30 meeting. **(Arnie)**
 - b. Website
 - GNY would be happy to post any submissions but reminded us that originator's permission is required. AF to follow up with David Baril on posting notes from Spring St meeting. **(Arnie)**
 - Advertising downtown businesses on website – not considered feasible at this time, given work involved. Likewise RSS facility.
 - Re-design – again, time consuming and limited ability to make server-side changes. AF and GNY to liaise over the next months on easy changes. **(Arnie)**
 - c. Letter re Council, cc Media, IPC, re: FOI support for Dan Coates – Approved. AF to wordsmith and circulate before issuing. **(Arnie)**
 - d. Position paper on Spring Street Development: A letter from the MMRA would be drafted and sent to Council. Reflect issues on ANSI. JM to write it with input from GNY and SB. **(Jill)**
 - e. UAC and MMRA affiliation - Board discussed from a community impact perspective and agreed that a loose affiliation would be better. GNY would be Board liaison, as he is on the UAC. AF to advise UAC. **(Arnie)**
 - f. MMRA Nomination to Design Committee: Board suggested that President send letter to Planner, cc CAO and Mayor, requesting approval to nominate a MMRA candidate plus recommend 2-3 members at large. If agreed, then Board would nominate our candidate. **(Arnie)**
 - g. The Board thanked Anne Colterman and Pauline Donaldson for attending and contributing, and invited them to the next meeting.

6. Next Meetings proposed :Wednesday, Feb 28/07, 7:30 pm, M2W Boardroom