

BBVNA Historical Designation Committee

Monday June 2, 2014

2818 E. Devon St.

Members Present: Ann Pattison, Chairperson, Rita Toland, Susan Silverman, Andie Zelnio, Linda Abrams, Richard Roati, Margaret Johnson.

Agenda items:

Priority tasks:

A. Fundraising

1. Grants:

The meeting began at 7:30 with a discussion relating to the tasks needed to secure a grant. It was noted that Lisa Anderson was interested in doing research only. Another member, Judd Ruggelin, might be willing to help. We were told that the neighborhood story should wait until the city does its' ranking of neighborhoods currently asking for historical status. Chris Evans and Jennifer Levstik are working on this aspect. Jennifer has offered to help with the neighborhood narrative.

It was suggested that we need to begin interviewing companies that write grants for the National Historic Designation. Susan Silverman has also offered to help writing a grant. Susan will be attending a workshop on this topic and will also collect business cards from other companies attending this conference.

2. Fundraising:

Members of the committee made a number of suggestions about different fundraising prospects.

- a. The neighborhood Art and Garden Tour and raising the price of the tour to \$10.00 per person. This would be held in the spring.
- b. Neighborhood Yard Sale, Rita noted that this event took a great deal of work and organization
- c. Collaboration with various restaurants and bars. La Cucina does a music event for neighborhoods. Cota Binos, a wine bar, does a wine tasting event. It was suggested we might check with some of the Broadway Village merchant about doing this type of event.
- d. Porch Fest, Heather Free, Justine Hernandez, Rita Toland, and several others are working on an event for the end of September. We still need more information on how this event is structured.
- e. Halloween, We could set up a haunted house tour with the cooperation of one of our neighbors who sets up a haunted house each year and charge a small fee for the tour.

B. Neighborhood Research

Research will be an important task. Andie Zelnio volunteered to set up an outline of how to do appropriate research as well as how to do a documented oral history.

C. Priorities, Members decided that the important priorities are fundraising, research, and oral history interviews. The following members agreed to work on these tasks.

1. Research: Rita Toland, Margaret Johnson
2. Event organizer: Ann Pattison, Richard Roati
3. Oral History: Linda Abrams
4. Grant Writing: Susan Silverman
5. Resource Person: Andie Zelnio

Finally, the members felt it would be important to convey to the neighborhood information about the benefits of historic designation in a neighborhood meeting and in the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15. The next meeting will be held Monday July 7, 2014.

Margaret Johnson