

FOUNTAIN CITY CONNECTIONS

Minutes from July 17th, 2007 meeting 8am – 9:45 Panera, Fountain City

Present: Donna Bueckman, Diane Bunch, Bill Cole, Geordy Daws, Laura Koins, David McGinley, Anne Wallace, Thea Yoder, Donna Young and Ellen Zavisca

Donna Bueckman, President of Fountain City Connections, called the meeting to order. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes from the meeting of June 19th, 2007. Anne made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Ellen. The minutes as written were accepted by unanimous approval.

Update on Old Action Items:

Donna B. opened the meeting with the Treasurer's Report. Time was given for questions and corrections. Donna B. has not yet submitted a request for postage and Kinko's reimbursements. Bill made a motion to accept the report as written, seconded by Anne. The report was accepted as written.

Donna B. has contacted the East Tennessee Design Center to let them know what was happening on the Knox Road site and that we will have to wait now until a site becomes available again for an alternative surface, sidewalk prototype.

We took another look at the proposed ordinance for what we hope will be the last time. Donna, Geordy and Bob met last Thursday to go over some concerns that have come up since the release of the proposal to the public. It was suggested that we focus on the Definitions section of the proposal. Anne passed out papers she had found that defined the terms in question, based on current city codes, standards and permitting fees. Donna B. states she will use these definitions in the ordinance unless we call with reasons not to.

Thea sent a letter of thanks to Marilyn Roddy for her support of pedestrian safety.

New Action Items:

*Bob to take the latest copy of the proposed ordinance to Tom Reynolds, Gary Norman and Anita Cash (Inspections) for their comments and suggestions. *Donna B. to mail the new draft of the ordinance to Madeleine Wiel and Bob Whetzel, as well as email copies to all she thinks would appreciate the updated version. *Ellen to contact Permitting office and the Homebuilders' Association with copies of the latest draft.

Bob was asked when he hopes to present the ordinance to City Council. He is hoping to do that in August, he said.

*Ellen and *Anne will ask for the ordinances from both Nashville and Memphis and for their pedestrian impact study.

There was much discussion about what comes next. We tossed around ideas for bumper stickers, a strategy plan, publicity, education, adding pedestrians to police concerns, doing public service announcements, Knox-Moms interviews, talking with developers, and collecting photos from new development areas where we have missed opportunities to have sidewalks included in their plans.

*Bill Cole said he would send out on email the manual on transportation studies. *Ellen will research this for help in presenting our proposed ordinance.

Laura stated she would be interested in getting young people involved, perhaps to research the PRZs in their own school zones, or to have them interview people about sidewalks, safety and convenience, etc. *She will talk with Ellen about enhancement grant possibilities for this.

**The review and adoption of the by-laws will be put off until our next meeting because we lacked time during this meeting to give it our full attention. Donna B. has sent out the final draft of the charter, the by-laws and the board agreement to everyone for previewing. *Be prepared at the next meeting to discuss these in depth.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

**We are all to think about possible bumper stickers that we could have printed and discuss those at the next meeting.

**Donna Y. will continue working on the timeline for our committee.

**David Cass to compile detailed cost estimates for Knox Road site.

Note: * denotes Action Item.

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Next meeting: 11am Monday, July 30th, Fountain City Panera

If you would like to have a copy of these minutes available at the next meeting, please print a copy to bring along.

Thanks,
Thea Yoder

Please contact me for additions and/or corrections (by e-mail or 688-8286)