

FOUNTAIN CITY CONNECTIONS

Minutes Wednesday August 15, 2007 meeting 8am-9:20am Panera, Fountain City

Present: Bob Becker, Donna Bueckman, Geordy Daws, Laura Goens, David McGinley, Anne Wallace, Thea Yoder and Ellen Zavisca

Donna Bueckman, President of Fountain City Connections, called the meeting to order at 8am.

The minutes from our last meeting were reviewed. Donna B. noted that she did not mail the last draft of the ordinance to Madeline Weil, as was indicated in the minutes (first paragraph under old action items), but that Ellen hand-delivered them to her. Also, Donna emailed Bob Whetzel the draft, but did not send a hard copy. Please note these changes to the minutes from July 30th. Also note that it was Bob – not Ellen – who was to contact the Permitting Office and the Homebuilders' Association with copies of the latest draft. (paragraph three under old action items). All agreed to the changes as noted. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Ellen. The minutes as amended were accepted by unanimous approval.

Donna B. reported that there were no changes in the treasury.

Donna B. reported that she received a call from Bill Dunn notifying her that the Attorney General is working on our ordinance and will be responding as soon as possible with a note. It was decided that we will not move forward with our draft of the ordinance until we hear from the Attorney General. Bob was asked if he had shared the draft with neighborhood groups and what the response was. He commented that in some groups there were concerns about how the ordinance would impact them personally.

Donna B. mentioned that Joe Hultquist thought it was likely that our ordinance will go to a task force study. There is a great concern that during all this time we are missing so many opportunities for sidewalks. We ideally would like to impart a mindset in every contractor/developer to factor in the pedestrian when making construction plans. * Send your "missed opportunity" photographs to Donna B.

Update on Old Action Items:

**Bob will contact the Permitting Office and the Homebuilders' Association with copies of the latest draft.

Ellen reported that the sidewalk ordinance from Nashville was very similar to ours.

Ellen researched the Manual on Transportation Studies that Bill talked about at the last meeting, and felt this was not much help for our committee in presenting our proposed ordinance.

Laura reported that the enhancement grant possibilities needed to be in before it was possible to get information gathered. She is now working on some possibilities with UT and PDAs for information gathering.

****Donna B.** will contact Mark Donaldson and Steve King to request official approval for city employees to continue as board members, as these officials have been such an invaluable part of our committee. ****Another** review of the board agreement and by-laws will follow at our next meeting. 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 greater depth.

New Action Items:

*Thea will follow up with Yee-Haw regarding bumper stickers. Then *she will research other places in town if Yee-haw is unable to help with printing and/or layout. *She will bring information on her findings to the next meeting.

Donna B. received a call from someone looking for help in preserving an old tree in his Fort Sanders neighborhood. He was wondering if we do rubberized sidewalks. Right now the only sidewalks allowed in Knoxville are concrete. *Donna B. will give him the number of the Knoxville Tree Board or refer him to their link off the City of Knoxville web page.

We talked about how we could best try alternative surfaces in Knoxville, and Geordy suggested that we talk with Joe Walsh and showcase something around the Skate Park, or talk with Parks and Rec. and see what we could do with them.

Ellen mentioned that she is waiting to hear about money from TDOT. She also mentioned that the Safe Routes to School program will be held at Fountain City Elementary and at Gresham Middle School on Oct.3rd. Thea gave Ellen Julie Settle's (689-2035) name as a possible coordinator for the Safe Routes program at Gresham. She also has a daughter who walks home from Central most days and may be willing to form a walking incentive program there.

Donna B. was looking at the Safe Routes to School Key Indicators of Success rating system and asked us how we thought we could measure our success. *Look at this web site <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/bike/Safe-Routes-2004> and think about ways to measure our own success.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30am

Note: * denotes Action Item.
**denotes Old Action Item.

Next meeting: Wednesday September 12, 8am, 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)