



MANDELL PLACE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY 11, 2007

President Dinah Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

The first item on the agenda was approval of the Draft Budget for 2007.
Treasurer Joan Roden presented a very thorough budget by line item for discussion.

--Projected Income:

-Membership Dues	\$6000
-Bank Interest	30
Total Income	\$6030

--Projected Expenses:

-Insurance (Officers Liability)	\$1464
-Newsletter expenses	675
-Socials	250
-Neartown Dues	100
-Membership expenses	175
-Post Office Box	40
-Misc Office Supplies	25
-President expenses	25
-Website Domain Fee	25
-Deed Restriction Reserve—War Chest	5000
-Beautification Projects Reserve	3000
Total Expenses	\$10779
	(4749)
Projected Deficit	
Cash Balance –at 1/1/07	8334
Projected Cash Balance at 12/31/07	\$3585

Committee Chairman Kelly DeHay said the majority of membership revenues is expected from “patron” dues-\$100-as happened in 2006.

Peter van Hoeven said the existing multi-dues was somewhat confusing and suggested simplifying to one line of “dues” and “other” for members who wished to contribute more. Chairman DeHay said he preferred to keep the existing fee structure and Gail Seaman agreed. The Board agreed to keep the existing fee structure for 2007.

Kelly DeHay further added that a greater effort was needed to contact absentee landlords for membership. Also the Newsletter's list of members published last year generated a lot of new members and should be repeated for 2007.

Beautification Chairman Samir Khushalani reported the City of Houston required their approval to erect any of our signs on street signs. After discussion a budget of \$3000 was approved. It was also suggested the President draft a letter to the City on this matter.

Peter van Hoeven constructively remarked the existing Civic signs outlining a house were not very conspicuous, somewhat negating their purpose. Any change of course he added, would consider cost involved. The matter was tabled after general discussion.

Security Chair, Gail Seaman presented a very good summary handout outlining her intentions to attend PIP meetings, write articles on security, work with HPD on their Watch Programs, implement security analysis for residents and investigate if any need for security patrols.

President Martinez said she would need assistance in writing the newsletter due to her new job and asked for volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm after President Martinez stated she preferred future meetings for the benefit of all to start on time and last no longer than 1 hour. All members concurred.

Secretary,

Peter van Hoeven