



Council of Neighborhood Association Presidents of Pensacola

Fricker Resource Center, 900 North F Street Pensacola, FL 32501

The business meeting was called to order by Rand Hicks at 6:05PM, who noted that the meeting was being recorded for record-keeping purposes.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by a unanimous vote.

Approval of the Minutes

John Phillips motioned that the Minutes from the April 1, 2019 meeting be approved. David Del Gallo seconded the motion, and they were approved by a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Walter Wallace could not attend, but is in the process of finalizing a 2019-2020 budget and will report such at the June meeting. Sam Mathews motioned that the treasurer's report be received at the next meeting. Darlene Babcock seconded the motion, which was approved by a unanimous vote.

Progress Report

Rand Hicks reported that the Articles of Incorporation had been submitted and approved by the State of Florida, and are posted on the CNAPP website. They can be viewed at: <https://cnappensacola.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/CNAPP-Article-of-Incorporation.pdf>

Rand commented that the Speck/CPZ and SCAPE projects not only impact downtown but all City of Pensacola neighborhoods: their implementation will greaten the integrity and diversity of the City and release Pensacola's potential. Terry Horne spoke about the SCAPE project's 7 stages from which 2 were selected to address now: 1) Bruce Beach; and 2) the hashtag commuter plan, including Cedar/Main Street, which would provide a connected walkway from Joe Patti's to the bridge. The SCAPE project team will be back in Pensacola in late June or July with a project plan with estimated costs and funding ideas.

The City has neighborhoods which exist but are not unnamed. Neighborhood leaders in some of these areas have reached out to CNAPP for organizational assistance. We will provide appropriate help as we find out about their needs. Elements we could offer include organizational strategies, development of Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, how to implement neighborhood watches, how to build community, and an overview of neighborhood best practices. Sam Mathews suggests that CNAPP learn about the needs/requirements of neighborhoods prior to recommending action.

Rand next addressed the topic about sharing CNAPP contact information. After our last meeting, we were contacted by the Center for Civic Engagement (CCE), the Pensacola News Journal, and the City of Pensacola. All were asking for contact information (email and phone numbers) of the neighborhood presidents

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who were CNAPP members. After two rounds of discussion within the Executive Committee, Rand fulfilled those requests with its consent by sending redacted information limited to the names of the neighborhoods and related contact information. When asked how he, for instance, might use the information, Terry Horne responded that the CCE would occasionally share educational information and civic opportunities with CNAPP members re. their upcoming events and courses. A number of perspectives were shared, and there was general recognition that a neighborhood's contact information is in the public record and can be shared. CNAPP has not and will not distribute contact information for a neighborhood's individuals beyond its official delegate to CNAPP. Again, the CNAPP contact list is on the City of Pensacola website. Sam Mathews motioned that CNAPP that point of contact information and GIS data should reside in one location. David Del Gallo seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Rand asked for ideas for CNAPP projects for the benefit of our neighborhoods.

- Sam Mathews noted that the current **land use** language states when the city seeks to vacate property all residents within 300 feet must be notified. He pointed out that when the City acquires land, though, it is under no obligation to so inform citizens. Sam suggested there is a need to expand notification to include any change in land use, and asked for a committee to be formed to address the issue. Lawrence Powell motioned that the committee be formed, and his motion was seconded by Susan Agnew. The motion passed without dissent. Sam Mathews will lead the group, which will include Veronica Fountain, Dan Bowen, and James Gulley. Rand Hicks will also be a member of the committee. It will undertake its work after 18 June 2019. Lawrence Powell motioned that the CNAPP Land Use Resolution be created. This motioned was seconded by Susan Agnew and was unanimously approved. Rand noted that he has been asked to present a concise statement about CNAPP's mission to the City Council at an Agenda Review.

- Sam Mathews conveyed that an issue common among all survey responses was the need to **slow traffic**. He suggested the need for a comprehensive traffic study. Jeannie Rhoden noted the dangerous corner of Davis and Blount as a leading example. Rand suggested that the Mayor would create a Complete Streets department within a few weeks, and CNAPP might best wait for its formation to place CNAPP concerns before the Administration or Council. There was general agreement, and in the meantime CNAPP will continue to work to identify key problem areas within CNAPP neighborhoods.

- John Phillips discussed issues in **Code Enforcement** and suggested CNAPP do an in-depth review of City Ordinance codes dealing with neighborhoods. Mr. Gulley noted that our codes are aligned with the International Property Maintenance Code. Dottie Dubuisson reminded the group that the Keep Pensacola Beautiful provides a service free of charge to those who qualify to help with dilapidated property.

- Dottie suggested that the **City's community centers** are not 100% utilized, and would like to see them open for our youth until 9PM, achievable by staggering work schedules without increasing salary costs.

- Dan Bowman wanted to see a ranking list of sidewalk maintenance projects based on safety concerns. Dan and Rand will work on this. Jim Gulley observed that there are no sidewalks on the west side of Pensacola. Susan noted safety issues for sidewalks get immediate attention by calling 311.

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Communication Report

Results of the CNAPP Survey:

Sam Mathews reported that CNAPP received 305 online surveys with the majority very satisfied with police and fire service, and Park & Recreation opportunities. Most respondents reported that they could talk to their neighbors and would like to see traffic slowed down. Our questionnaire was built from other surveys and underwent revision via our CNAPP members. This is a first edition. In the future, CNAPP surveys will be distributed to a larger audience. Given the number of surveys in various neighborhoods, one could see the largest number of responses in those neighborhoods with existing opportunities. CNAPP will work harder to get the word out to a larger segment of City population. CNAPP members agreed that the overall results of the survey could be shared with their elected representatives with the City and County.

Request \$60 for Texting Capabilities:

Jo Mathews requested \$60 annual fee for texting capabilities through eztexting.com. The ability to text would only be used to remind members of the presence of emails. This request was not approved as the CNAPP website contains relevant dates for CNAPP events to include copies of the agenda and meeting minutes.

CNAPP Information Needed:

Rand reminded everyone that the website is coming along. Currently available are our mission statement, articles of incorporation, bylaws, reading lists, and more. And we are ready to post neighborhood stories, so please send them along with photos and video when you have them.

Also, CNAPP membership requires Neighborhoods submit a copy of their bylaws. So if your neighborhood has not done so, please send them to Rand.

Among upcoming events were noted: the Parade of Homes in East Hill on 11 May; the East Hill Town Hall on 14 May with the Mayor present; the Soul Fest in Belmont-DeVilliers on 8 June from 11 to dusk; Bike to Work Day at City Hall on 17 May; and the "Let's Chalk About It" festival on 25 May at the Studer Community Institute, starting at 10.

Next Meeting Date & Location

3 June 2019, Sanders Beach Resource Center

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

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