

“Minutes” of 10/21/2008 HWSNA Board Meeting – (Kind Of)

Tentatively submitted by Bill Johnston, President and updated to 12/16/08.

As of this writing 12/16/08, we have in the vicinity of \$19,000 in Republic Bank – after paying Kim Dawahare the \$200 owed for a tree refund, and Heather Auman the \$51.80 owed for the Neighborhood Watch signs.

We have a new trashcan in front of the Heritage Art Center. It is gray and ugly, but new and present. As of this writing there is also one at the NE corner of Felix and West Main. (Not sure if there is still one at the NW corner of Felix and West Short.) I don't know if we will be getting more. Tom Blues is looking into this but I haven't heard anything yet.

We talked about not having heard anything about the Streetscape project, and wondered how they are going to get it all done by the magic date (2010). Turns out they aren't. Mayor Newberry spoke at the DLC Awards Luncheon – where our own Holly Wiedeman received an award for Urban Innovation along with the other condo complexes completed downtown. He talked about letting contracts for the Streetscape on Lime from 4th to Maxwell, and Main from Elmtree to Broadway. We apparently didn't make the cut even though we are the first part of downtown the visitors will see coming from the Horse Park. Go figure. Perhaps it is because our area has too many complex issues to be addressed in such a short time. I put in a call to Mike Webb, the fellow at the city that spoke to us. He has not yet gotten back to me.

Mike Webb returned my call and this is what he said. Consultants, KKG, recommended that the downtown attention be focused on where most of the visitors would be out on the street. And those corridors are: College-Town Lime from Euclid to 3rd or 4th, Vine Street from Broadway to Lime, Main from Elmtree to Broadway. They are working to get bike lanes on Vine. They will have peak-period parking on Main and on Vine. The bike lanes will change move to the curbside during peak-periods – where cars are not parked; and when cars are parked during off-peak hours the bike lanes will be where they are now on Main, and in a similar place on Vine. The peak-period bike paths will be accomplished by removing the curb outsets that are on Main and Vine. They have to go all of the way to the Federal Highway people to get approval for this, since the City does not control it. This included doing traffic simulations. Two-way is not going to happen before 2010, but the changes being made will be compatible with it.

Our area is in the capital plan for phase II. The first step will be the utilities putting their stuff underground on Main from Newtown and Broadway. So it will messily appear.

I do know – as I mentioned in October - that they are working on a poor man's landscape plan – but an effective one - for Newtown Pike from 4th to where the extension will start. This is to be done by 2010.

We talked about Pete Laughlin's plans for the houses on Jefferson since his demolition permit was turned down. No one was aware of any. Since then, the empty, unattractive,

and hazardous tree lines in front of the houses have been filled with gravel. While not like having non-weed plant-life in them, it is an improvement.

I talked to Vanessa Caise at LFUCG. She said we need to write a letter requesting an extension and a change in scope regarding our neighborhood matching grant.

We decided not to join the DLC – Downtown Lexington Corp.

Bill Goodman suggested that we talk to Scott Neal about 1st Baptist. I was supposed to send him some information, but I cannot remember what.

We decided to ask Carol Wilcher to be on the board. Holly and Heather Auman said no. I have not talked to Carol since I couldn't remember what we had decided until today.

We need to talk to Tom Blues and Andrea James regarding the Starlight.