

**Original Northwood Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 8, 2015**

**Attendance**

Board members listed below were present.

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| President      | Richard Skolasky | Present     |
| Vice President | Dana Andrusik    | Present     |
| Treasurer      | Jennie Spratt    | Present     |
| Secretary      | Emily Weber      | Not present |
| Safety         | Scott Carberry   | Not present |
| Communications | Matt Post        | Not present |
| Covenant       | Lauren Bambusch  | Present     |
| Maintenance    | JP Rigilano      | Present     |
| Social         | Lauren DeVine    | Present     |

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Richard Skolasky at 7:31 PM.

**Approval of the Minutes from prior meeting**

Dana moved to approve minutes. Lauren Bambusch seconds. Board approves.

**Officer's Reports**

**President's Report- Richard Skolasky**

Appointment of a nominating committee: Richard has been in talks with Steve Levy, Linda Stewart, and Chris Ahlstrom in order to develop the nominating committee. Richard suggested that Steve be named chair. There were no objections.

**Vice-President's Report Dana Andrusik**

1. Alameda water problem: Dana did a walking tour with Mr. Wilson, who had brought the water problem on The Alameda to the Board's attention. He saw no greater a water problem than is seen throughout the neighborhood, which is caused by the slope of the neighborhood itself as well as the construction methods that were used when the neighborhood was developed. There is evidence that the city has attempted to mitigate as much of the problem as they could, but a full "fix" for the problem would require demolishing and restructuring the alleyway, which would cost the city \$50,000-\$100,000; a cost that would be shared with everyone whose home abuts the alleyway in question, coming to approximately \$2,000 per home.
2. 501(c)(3) seminar: Dana attended a seminar at the Community Law Center on how to become a 501(c)(3). About 100-200 man-hours would be required to initially set up the Board, the IRS standings, and the bylaws to become a 501(c)(3), but this would allow our

neighbors to make tax-deductible donations to the Board and, if wanted, to specify the use toward specific projects, as well as allow ONA to be eligible for more grants. It would also require that the Board/ONA incorporate, which would also be a requirement if ONA would like to dissolve the GNCA and assume the covenants. [While not discussed at the meeting, I believe incorporation would also require ONA to file annual tax documents, not an inconsequential recurring labor consideration - jes].

Richard calls to suspend normal business to accommodate the Northwood Plaza Redevelopment discussion with Mark Renbaum (developer) and Ellis Brown (Morgan State). Lauren Bambusch motions for suspension. Dana seconds.

### **New Business**

#### **Northwood Plaza redevelopment**

See recording of discussion.

### **Next meeting**

Undecided.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.