Belknap Neighborhood Association

Agenda – Nov 9, 2011 - 7-8:30 PM
2440 Bardstown Road, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

7:00	Call to Order
	Approval of Minutes
7:05	Treasurer Report
7:10	Police Report
7:15	Metro Council Report
7:20	President Report
7:25	Committee Reports
7:30	Unfinished Business
7:35	New Business
	-Neighborhood improvement discussion
8:25	Announcements
8:30	Adjourn

Mark Your Calendar

Holiday Gathering	Wed, Dec 14, 7-9:00 p.m.	Corner Door
January Board Meeting	Wed, Jan 11, 7-8:30 p.m.	2440 Bardstown Road, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

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Focus of the BNA

- To preserve the neighborhood's intrinsic values as a predominately residential area that interfaces and works effectively with surrounding businesses;
- To provide a forum for discussion of neighborhood matters in order to promote the community, its activities and interests;
- To work with the other neighborhood groups in the Highlands and throughout Louisville to address common issues and projects;
- To promote the historical and cultural character of the neighborhood;
- To promote the beautification and preservation of the neighborhood's natural resources;
- To enhance the health, safety and welfare of the community; and
- To promote charitable and educational activities.

BELKNAP NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY MEETING
November 9, 2011

Present:

Chris Padgett, President
Brian Voelker, Treasurer
Officer Dan English
Bob Baker
Paul Coates
Nancy Carrington
Officer Dan English
Dana Ferguson, Secretary
Jay Ferguson
Peggy Baas
Fred Maurer
Artus Fox
Tom Owen
Jim Augustus
Lee Dunham
Leroy Farmer - Excused
Jennifer Ackerman - Excused
Alan Rubin – Excused
JD Franklin

7:02 Call to Order – Welcome

Minutes approved from October meeting

Action: Motion to accept October meeting minutes by Jay Ferguson, seconded by Jim Augustus and passed by unanimous vote.

TREASURER REPORT – Brian Voelker

- $27,000 in the bank
- Accts. Receivable pending: Festival $500; Anhauser Busch $250
- BNA currently has 141 members (85 last year); membership envelopes are being widely distributed
- $1,000 in individual contributions
- $2,500 from Tom Owen for festival
- All expenses reflected in balance sheet
- Still waiting for Week in the Highlands sponsorship ($4,000); will bring up bottom line to $17,000 for festival
- $250 donated to Shop with a Cop
- Progress on exploring bank change; Investigate which banks have supported BNA in the past
- 501c4 on to do list
- BNA Financial Policies on to do list
- Suggestion to invite SYB to do a presentation

Action: Motion to accept Treasurer Report by Nancy Carrington, seconded by JD Franklin and passed by unanimous vote

CRIME REPORT – Officer Dan English

- Report of area break-ins and theft for period 10/11/11 through 11/9/11
- Break-ins will increase as holidays approach
- Items that can't be replaced – think about hiding
- Majority occur during the day when people are at work
- Be alert to strange vehicles or behavior
- Blockwatch meeting Highland/Douglas; info will be sent to attend or organize
- Crimes reported on BNA Facebook page – increased activity
- Police offer home assessments
- Notify if out of town for increased surveillance
- THANK YOU from Shop with a Cop

METRO REPORT – Tom Owen

- Meeting tomorrow with new major and command staff
- There is a Blockwatch on Woodbourne that hopes to expand
- Dundee sidewalk -- some re-design involves drainage(may not happen this fall but will happen)
- New 8th district formed; lost 300 homes; picked up 1,000. Now includes 4 small cities (29,140 residents)
- Strathmoor working on agreement addressing the possibility of small cities piggybacking on Metro contracts
- Number of people in SE county increased massively as compared to W and SW stable/declining population
- Part of Crescent Hill is in new district
- Bugle coming out by December 3
- North End Café continues to renovate
- No information on closing of Ear x tacy
- Loop Clock re-set
- No dramatic progress on damage to bus shelter in front of PNC ; question of responsibility; will not happen for 3 weeks. Brian suggested replacing with different design to truly provide shelter.
- Neighbors on Ridge Road ? tree replacement
- Tree replacement for Loop timeline – Terra to follow up
- Repaving of Trevilian: Discretionary funds appropriated from B-town Road to Dundee; not budget item; should happen sometime this fiscal year – will check

PRESIDENT REPORT – Chris Padgett

- December 3rd event at Filson Club 9:30 am – 11:30 am ; Please let Chris know if you plan to attend; $10
- Corner Door to host holiday gathering; Pot-luck sign up; Warheim Park Association invited
- Trisha Finnegan recognized as one of Louisville's Top Neighbors through Center for Neighborhoods; **CONGRATULATIONS**!
- MSD valve and downspout replacement program requires 2 quotes from licensed plumber (will pay up to $4,000) measures are for backflow prevention; trying to get people to participate; rain barrels are available at Horton's and Louisville Nature Center

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Jay and Artus on going. Will present their findings on Historic Preservation at future meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Fall Festival Facebook link is looking for an owner – Fred?
- Fred to explore further; email festival pictures to Fred to post
- JD suggested Blossom award to Dundee Tavern for use of parking lot for festival; revisit in April; members asked to think about nominations

NEW BUSINESS

- Peggy Baas introduced Shawn Herron who is very active in the Portland community
- North End Café to open December 15
- Falls City Lofts on Market Street to be completed by 2013
- Bloomburg Grant Award to Louisville; program to increase governmentt efficiency and jobs
- Building across from Showcase Cinemas sold at auction today; TARC benches/shelters to be built in that area

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

Open conversation for suggestions/ideas:

- Coates Engraving Building – Boutique Hotel to attract higher end clientele? – current owners of building own building outright and are looking to sell the building; several business have approached to rent and have been ignored or turned down
- Several buildings in the Loop and Loop area are interested in selling
- Mural out-dated
- New Banners in the neighborhood/ Signage to designate neighborhood boundaries ; Nancy, Lee, Fred, Brian volunteer to explore concepts for signage
- Public art piece at Loop corner
- Replace light posts – Fred to call Patrick
  Address lighting; demonstration project to use lights with less wattage; matching funds? For grant? Contact LG & E? Urban Design Center? Start researching. Pilot project to partner
- Mini-Library
- Bike racks
- Public artwork – Fred to call Patrick
- Billboard in the Loop

Money is available for projects. Good rainy day fund would be $10,000; working capital $5,000. Will leave 10-15K to put back into neighborhood.

Report back in January

There being no further business

ACTION: Motion to adjourn by Brian Voelker, seconded by Nancy Carrington and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Ferguson
Secretary
Belknap Neighborhood Association