

**ACADEMY HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES**

January 5, 2016

President Shinault called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 PM. The Treasurer, Secretary and approximately 15 other members were present.

Mr. Shinault thanked the outgoing officers and Board members for their service to the community and outlined his priorities for the upcoming year.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Waterman presented the Treasurer's report (attached) which was unanimously accepted by the Association. Several questions and issues were raised about AHCA's finances and membership including:

- Need to update several organizational, tax and banking documents to reflect new Board leadership.
- What is the role of the T. Rowe Price savings account and what are its typical uses?

It was noted that the savings account serves as a buffer against major unknown expenditures and new projects, and as the source of funds for legal actions required to enforce architectural covenants. It was also noted that the account does not generate any appreciable interest income; a member suggested moving a portion of the balance to an investment account. Mr. Shinault referred this idea to the Board of Directors for further discussion.

Old Business & Committee Reports

Community Outreach: Officer Rubie was not present on behalf of the Police Department and would be invited to the next meeting. A member raised the possibility of reinstating a Citizens on Patrol program; it was discussed that the County no longer manages such programs and that interest among neighboring communities had waned.

Holiday Decorations: Mr. Shinault thanked the Mt. de Sales Academy for judging the community decoration contest, noted that the signs need to be replaced and noted the winners as follows:

Best Door	312 Lambert
Best Lighting	6124 Regent Park
Most Original	313 Stratford
Best Overall	316 Greenlow
Best Block	300 bl. Greenlow

Architectural: No report submitted.

Website: No report. It was noted that there is some clean-up work to be done in order to bring the website up-to-date.

Welcome: No report. It was discussed that the “welcome” bag should more prominently note the gift as being from AHCA.

Membership: It was discussed that paid AHCA membership is far below historical averages (approximately 7% now compared to 20 – 25% in prior years.) Members discussed several ideas for increasing AHCA membership, including:

- Reaching out to all rental property owners
- Linking membership to certain tangible benefits of homeownership (tree planting, sewer clean-out)
- Include return envelopes in newsletter
- Sign-ups at community events such as Dumpster Day
- Door-to-door campaign by volunteers.

New Business

The membership unanimously approved the expenditure of funds to send flowers to Ms. Becky Stoll of Regent Park, who has been ill.

Dumpster Day: The date and location of the annual Dumpster Day was discussed. Mr. Kendrick volunteered to oversee Dumpster Day and coordinate with the County, and will report back at the next meeting.

It was noted that one of the community signs is broken and needs repair.

It was noted that residents must be vigilant in clearing dog waste.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at approximately 8:45 PM. The next meeting will be on February 2, 2016 at 7:30 PM.