

100 Block Association Board

Minutes

July 13, 2011

The Board of the 100 Block Association met in the conference room at Dewhirst Properties on July 13, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. Those present included: Aaron Brown, Sean Christman, Jody Freeman, Steven Horton, Patti Smith and Ann Marie Tugwell. Special guests included: Rick Emmett, City of Knoxville.

Jody Freeman, President, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the June meeting were approved as presented.

Discussion was held regarding the number of commercial parking spaces on the Block. We currently have 12 and that may be more than we need. However, parking is not currently being enforced and Aaron Brown will contact KPD to ask them to check the commercial spaces regularly. Rick Emmett is working on a parking plan for all of downtown, which may address some of the 100 Block concerns. We will add parking to the agenda for the annual meeting.

It was decided that the annual meeting would be the focus of the next Board meeting. The date needs to be set so that members can be given a 30-day notice and two Board members need to be replaced. We currently need one business owner and one resident.

Homelessness and panhandling continue to be issues on the Block. More aggressive panhandling is occurring, especially on First Fridays. Rick Emmett will call the KPD to ask them to enforce the panhandling ordinance on our Block. This will also be added to the agenda for the annual meeting.

The possibility of getting magazine/newspaper racks for the Block similar to the ones in the 400 Block was discussed. The racks were installed by the CBID and we will have to petition them to get them on our Block. However, Rick Emmett said that even though we had the racks, we could not force the vendors to use them. We should follow up with the legal department to explore options.

We have some people riding bicycles on the sidewalk which is not against the law in the State of Tennessee. However, these people are leaving black marks on our new sidewalks. Rick instructed us to call 911 if we saw it happening again.

Jody Freeman has received requests from several of the current mayoral candidates to make presentations to the Board. This was discussed and it was decided that we would attend the City People Mayoral Forum on August 22nd instead of having the candidates come to our meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2011. *(Since amended to August 16 at 1:00 pm at FMB Advertising)*

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Tugwell, Secretary