

Bankers Hill Community Group Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 18, 2017

Vice President Amie Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. The following Steering Committee members were present: Ben Baltic, Char Lou Benedict, Bruce Dammann, Jim Frost, Marion Hansen, Amie Hayes, John Lamb, and John Percy. Approximately 40 people attended.

Treasurer's report

Mr. Percy reported that the group has \$1650 in the bank.

Public comment

- John Hartley of Neighborhoods for Fair Elections explained how public funding of candidates for public office can make elected officials more responsive to all their constituents.
- Neighbors living near the Spruce Street Bridge reported vandalism, drug use, and sex on the bridge and their efforts to get the city to respond.

Government updates

Representatives for Susan Davis, Todd Gloria, and Toni Atkins updated the group.

Community Improvement Awards

Mr. Percy presented BHCG Community Improvement Awards to Elan City Lofts at Bankers Hill for design; 2300 Front for a beautiful remodel; Gary Pence, Mike Schmidt, and Kharman Taufiq for traffic-safety improvements to Sixth Avenue; Maple Canyon Litter Patrol (Hilary Watcher, Susan White, Travis Johnson, and Genevieve Griswald) for their hard work; Marie and RT Lonsdale for their garage restoration; Jim Frost for his work to improve Bankers Hill streetscapes and traffic flow; and Royal Stone Restaurant for turning an empty restaurant into an upscale eatery.

Program

- City council representative Chris Ward updated us on what he's doing and took questions from attendees.
- ACLU Advocacy Director David Trujillo explained the local chapter's focus on community organizing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marion Hansen, Secretary.