

## **Linden Gateway Small Area Study**

### **Task Force Meeting Minutes**

Location: Center for Great Neighborhoods

Thursday June 26, 2008

6:00-7:45 P.M.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Betty Schumacher – Friends of Peaselsburg Neighborhood Association

Charles Eilerman – Kenton County Planning Commission

Pete Nerone – Peaselsburg neighborhood resident

Rachel Hastings – Center for Great Neighborhoods

Adam Rockel – Center for Great Neighborhoods

Beth Johnson – City of Covington

Edward Dietrich – Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission

Sharmili Sampath – Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission

### **ABSENT:**

Helena Roden – Owner of Crosstown Pub

Doug Chambers – St. Elizabeth Medical Center

Regina Haley – Westside Neighborhood Resident

Maureen Rabe – Blau Mechanical

Vada Smith – Westside Action Association

Jack Toerner – American Sound and Electronics

Pastor David Foley – Southside Baptist Church

Rick Ludlum – Linden Grove Cemetery Board of Overseers

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 MEETING**

Mr. Eilerman made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2007 meeting and Mr. Nerone seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

### **3. BALL STATE UNIVERSITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Beth Johnson, Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Covington said that she had received a request from the Ball State University Historic Preservation Department for projects that could be used for their graduate studio. Ms Johnson said that the work to put together the nomination for all or a part of the Linden Gateway Study Area for the National Register would be a good project and



a good thing for the city and the study area. Ms. Johnson went on to say that two historic districts could be created, one for the Westside Neighborhood and one for the Peaselsburg Neighborhood. This would follow the tradition of Covington using historic neighborhood boundaries for National Register Historic Districts. Ms. Johnson reiterated that the National Register Historic Districts does not have any regulations limiting what owners can do to their property.

Ms Johnson said that the work could be done in the fall or spring and that the students would do all the work necessary to complete the nomination and then hand that work over to the city and neighborhood association and it would be up to them, and the residents of the neighborhood if the nomination is taken to the National Register or wait until later.

Mr. Nerone asked what the logistical issues were for the students to do this work. Ms Johnson said the students would mostly likely come down on weekends and stay overnight to finish the work. Some of the students may be able to come down on weekdays. She said that it takes about two and a half hours to drive from the university to this area.

Ms Hastings said that she thought it would be good to have something completed early that is a recommendation of the study. Ms Johnson added that it could be helpful in trying to get grants in the future if a project is already completed. Mr. Eilerman asked what the Peaselsburg neighborhood boundaries were. Mr. Dietrich said the northern boundary is 16<sup>th</sup> Street and that it goes way south of 19<sup>th</sup> Street. It was mentioned that the northern Peaselsburg Neighborhood boundary was 19<sup>th</sup> Street and the southern boundary for the Westside Neighborhood was 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The Peaselsburg Neighborhood association moved its northern boarder up to 16<sup>th</sup> Street and the Westside Neighborhood Association moved its southern boarder down to 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### 4. REVIEW OF FINAL REPORT DRAFT

Mr. Dietrich started the review by displaying the report on the screen. Mr. Eilerman said when he went to his email to open the final report draft his email did not have the attachment, so he has not looked at the draft. And, since only two other Task Force members were present it was decided to postpone the review until the next meeting. There was discussion about some aspects of the report. For the housing chapter Mr. Nerone said it would be good to recommend workshops on how to make homes more energy efficient and safe, such as improving the wiring of a home, adding insulation, and weatherizing. Ms Hastings said that the housing code is a minimum standard and it would good if a higher standard could be achieved. Mr. Eilerman stressed that it is important that these recommendations are implemented and suggested researching how other cities accomplish this.



**5. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Ms Sampath mentioned that she is planning to move the date of the next meeting, and that she will communicate the change to task force members through email.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

