

Rubbertown Community Advisory Council
January 2015

December 2014 meeting minutes attached
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RCAC next meeting:

Date: Thursday, January 8, 2015
Place: Cane Run Elementary School
3951 Cane Run Rd., Louisville, KY 40211
Time: Buffet Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.
Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

6:00 – 6:10 Welcome/Introductions/Approve Minutes
Brenda Kelting, Vice-President

6:10 – 6:15 Open Mic – Community Related

6:15 – 6:20 Open Mic – Plant Related

6:20 – 6:40 Committee Reports

- Membership Committee
- Program Committee
- Projects Committee

6:40 – 7:15 **Rubbertown Oral History**
Shannon Woolley, Looking for Lilith Theatre Company

7:15 – 7:20 Announcements/Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 12, 2015 • CANE RUN ELEMENTARY – 3951 CANE RUN RD

Meeting Minutes – Rubbertown Community Advisory Council

Date: December 11, 2014 **Scheduled Time:** 6:00 – 8:10 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Southwest, 4110 Dixie Highway

<p><u>Community Members</u></p> <p><u>Present</u></p> <p>Phillip Ball Peggy Bolton Gerald Gammons Martha Gammons Paul Graf Earl Hartlage Beverly Jones Brenda Kelting Kenneth Madison Barbara Paulin Joyce Korfhage Rhea Matt Rhodes Richard Springston Gordon Welker Ed White Mary Jo Wimsatt Jerry Woolridge</p>	<p><u>Community Members</u></p> <p><u>Absent</u></p> <p>Diane Bagby Freddie George Joe Wagner Jean Zappa</p>	<p><u>Guests (signed in)</u></p> <p>Eileen Springston Mary Woolridge, Lou. Metro Council Darleen Horton Martin Korfhage Krista Franklin Donna Dixon Hank Kelting Linda Graf Laverne Sadler</p> <p><u>Facilitation and Minutes</u></p> <p>Cheryl Fisher, Facilitator</p>
<p><u>Companies</u></p> <p>ASRC Arkema Carbide Industries Dow Chemical DuPont Lubrizol Momentive MSD PolyOne Zeon</p>	<p><u>Company Reps</u></p> <p>Rich Robinson ----- Corinne Greenberg Jana Zigrye Richard Jarowski Alice Simpson Todd Trowbridge Adraine Ritman, Gary Kohler ----- Tom Herman</p>	<p><u>Key Managers</u></p> <p>Guillaume Coiraton ----- ----- Phillip Dale ----- ----- Todd Ruuska ----- Joe Laskosky Bill Simpson</p>

Agenda

- 6:00 – 6:05 Welcome - Matt Rhodes, President
6:05 – 7:00 Buffet Dinner
6:45 pm - Featured Performance - River City Drum Corps Ensemble
Ed White, Director
7:00 – 7:10 Introductions/Approve Minutes
7:10 – 7:15 Open Mic – Community Related
7:15 – 7:20 Open Mic – Plant Related
7:20 – 7:45 The Olmsted Parks Conservancy & Louisville’s Olmsted Parks
Mimi Zinniel, President/CEO, Olmsted Parks Conservancy
7:45 – 8:00 Presentation of Charlie Hunton Award – Rich Robinson (added to agenda)
Presentation of Incentive Awards to RCAC Members
Company Representatives and Key Managers
8:00 – 8:10 Announcements/Adjournment

Welcome/Performance

Matt Rhodes, RCAC president, welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and made the invitation for the open buffet line. After dinner, the River City Drum Corps percussion ensemble, under the direction of RCAC member Ed White, gave a performance for the evening entertainment. The meeting was reconvened after the River City Drum Corps performance. Following introductions, the November meeting minutes were approved. Matt Rhodes read the mission, vision, and ground rules of RCAC to the group. Matt also announced that Charlie Hunton sent his regrets that he is unable to attend tonight due to illness.

Open Mic – Community-Related

Peggy Bolton wished the group a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thanked the group for their concern during her recovery period earlier this year.

Ed White thanked the group for allowing the River City Drum Corps to perform. The group uses music as a tool for furthering education and has educational standards that participants must maintain to participate. The group is celebrating its 25th year. Matt Rhodes again thanked the group for their wonderful performance.

Open Mic – Plant-Related

None.

The Olmsted Parks Conservancy & Louisville’s Olmsted Parks – Mimi Zinniel

Tom Herman introduced Mimi Zinniel, the President/CEO of Olmsted Parks Conservancy. Ms. Zinniel gave a history of Frederick Law Olmsted, famous park designer, and how he helped form the city of Louisville. She presented on the Louisville Park System and the role of Olmsted Parks Conservancy plays.

In the 1890s, the city fathers decided to develop green space to be a world-class city, such as Cincinnati or St. Louis. Frederick Law Olmsted was called in to help with this endeavor. Frederick Law Olmsted and a business partner had previously entered a contest to design a park in New York City, which became Central Park.

The original three city parks were Shawnee Park, Iroquois Park, and Cherokee Park. Olmsted also developed a design based on parkways that would connect the parks. These became Northwestern, Southwestern, Southern, Algonquin, Eastern, and Cherokee Parkways. The parkways are considered linear parks, over which the metro parks department has administrative authority.

Olmsted retired in 1895. His sons took over the Olmsted Landscape Architecture firm, which continued to work in Louisville until the middle of the 20th century. Many Olmsted-designed projects exist across the city and state. The University of Louisville campus, Baptist Seminary, and Presbyterian Seminary, as well as the Kentucky State Capitol grounds in Frankfort are all Olmsted designs.

The city of Louisville has 123 parks, 18 of which are Olmsted parks. Olmsted parks include Algonquin Park, Baxter Square, Bingham Park, Boone Square, Central Park, Cherokee Park, Chickasaw Park, Churchill Park, Elliott Park, Iroquois Park, Seneca Park, Shawnee Park, Shelby Park, Stansbury Park, Tyler Park, Victory Park, Wayside Park, and Willow Park.

In the 20th century, the parks were deteriorating due to lack of maintenance. The Friends of Olmsted Parks was formed as a grassroots organization to address the park maintenance issues. Olmsted Parks Conservancy was founded out of that effort in 1989. The conservancy, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, works in collaboration with Metro Parks. They focus on historic preservation, environmental protection, and community well-being. Ms. Zinniel shared the mission of the conservancy "...to restore, enhance and forever protect Louisville's Olmsted-designed parks and parkways, connecting nature and neighborhood while strengthening our community's well-being."

Current projects include restoration/renovation projects at Iroquois Park, Cherokee Park, Shelby Park, Seneca Park, Shawnee Park, and Boone Square. Examples of some of the projects include all-accessible playgrounds, pavilions, trails, water quality, brush/vine removal, planting trees, and many others. The group relies heavily on the 7000-8000 volunteer hours per year. The group advocates for the preservation of the Olmsted designs.

Mary Woolridge thanked Ms. Zinniel for the work that the conservancy has done in Algonquin Park, which is in District 3, the district that Mrs. Woolridge represents. There was a \$1 million improvement to the park including a pavilion and spray ground. As a result, the park now hosts well-attended concerts.

Presentation of Charlie Hunton Award – Rich Robinson

Rich Robinson presented the 2014 Charlie Hunton award to Bill and Alice Simpson. The Charlie Hunton award is given annually to recognize a member or representative who has provided outstanding service to the RCAC.

Presentation of Incentive Awards to RCAC Members

Company representatives and plant managers individually recognized all attending RCAC community members and presented incentive awards to the qualifying RCAC members to benefit their chosen 501(c)(3) charitable organization. There were fifteen members who qualified for the incentive award this year.

Announcements

There were no announcements. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.