

**Broadway Historic District Association**  
**Minutes for Meeting of the Board**  
**Thursday, July 17th, 2008**  
**Broadway Presbyterian Church**

Members in attendance: Rob Frew, Mary Littig, Ken Bratsch, Deb Kuntzi, Jeff McKinley and Jason Wheeler  
Called to order at: 7:08 pm

Ken reported: property at SW corner of 20<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The dilapidated four-plex is being remodeled with vinyl siding and several other upgrades. Owner (Mr. Arnold) has proposed to make a five-plex out of dwelling by adding another unit in the basement, which is against city ordinance. Ken already contacted Alderwoman Margie Mejia-Caraballo and made it clear that Broadway was firmly against another unit being added to this property. New owner to appear in front of city council on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to ask for permission to add fifth unit.

Deb had conversation with Mr. Arnold as well and believes he has good intentions with the property but with four units not five. Deb and Ken both recommended spreading the word to bolster attendance at city council meeting.

Rob reported: the banner prices were as follows:

40 pieces of 31"x96" material would be \$73.95 for single layer of fabric and \$105.95 for double layer of fabric, all banners to carry print on both sides and the hardware to mount them is \$37.50 per banner.

Discussion revolved around single sided or double and double was preferred by all members. Followed by discussion of size, where all members felt six feet was better than the proposed eight feet. Rob to get new quote, members estimate total cost to be \$4,800 for 40. Rob also volunteered to map the light poles to get a hard count on how many banners are needed or desired.

Matter tabled for vote at August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 meeting.

Ken and Deb reported the need for new fundraisers as Tour of Homes will be retired or become semi-annual event. Discussion ensued about a wine and cheese tasting event to be held at 2 to 4 yards of Broadway homes. Rob reported the Anastasia Murphy Group would be interested in doing a large one, under tent in the courtyard of their dwelling. Deb reported the idea would be upscale with good food, i.e. Atlante in downtown Rock Island and discussion arose about hosting a local artist's show or combining two events.

Ken and Deb to chair fundraising committee consisting of entire board.

Pastor Jones from church at NE corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street attended the meeting to inquire about speaking at the August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 meeting. Pastor Jones reported: he is concerned about "the situation surrounding our church at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street."

Discussion ensued concerning state of NE segment of the Broadway neighborhood. Many absent landlords, dilapidated rental property, lack of street lighting and police patrols. Most disturbances reportedly happening between 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Streets ranging from loitering and robbery to general thug-like behavior. Pastor Jones to speak at August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Jason 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sue Carothers. Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm