

BRAAC Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2013

Attendees: Graeme Justice, Alice Roess, Rita Wiseman, Jennifer Brown, Perry Davis, Scott Hildebran, Curt Andrews, Lynn Hubbard, Myra Scoggins, Bo Henderson, and Anne Barnes

Absent: Barbara Wright

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer at 5:30 pm.

April Minutes- Alice made a motion to approve the April minutes, Anne seconded it, and it was a unanimous vote to approve.

Financial Report- Jennifer stated that \$31,763.96 was transferred from BRAAC's account to BRAAC's new account with the Town on 4/17/2013. The only expense since then was \$8,764.31 for the tree walls built in Memorial Park.

Spring Planting Day – May 18th at 9:00 am we will meet in front of Town Hall to help with Spring Planting Day. Perry said the plants and baskets have been ordered and will be ready the week before. Jennifer also stated that the Town employees are going to have a workday on the 17th and help plant planters, clean out beds, and hang the baskets.

Music on the Lawn – Jennifer stated that last year we set up a table during the "Music on the Lawn"; however we have not scheduled a time for this year yet. She asked if BRAAC wanted to do it again this year and after some discussion everyone decided to not do it this year and possibly look into it next year.

BRAAC Member update – Jennifer stated that names for BRAAC members would be voted on by Town Council during the May Town Council meeting. The names she had so far are: Alice Roess, Curt Andrews, Anne Barnes, Rita Wiseman, Lynn Hubbard, Myra Scoggins, Barbara Wright, and Bo Henderson. She has a couple of other people who she is waiting to hear from to fill the ninth spot.

Other Business – Lynn asked that BRAAC consider possibly helping Dina Lutz (who has taken over the maintenance of the Legacy Gardens for Inaca and Lowell Thomas) with some monetary donation. Lynn stated that the Garden Club has already offered paying \$500 of the \$1000 that it would take to maintain the gardens for the summer. She stated that the gardens are beautiful and she would hate to see them get unsightly. She also asked if the Town could help in anyway and Perry stated that his plate is full and his intern's schedule would not allow him/her to spend much time doing anything else if they were responsible for maintaining the gardens. Perry did say that he sprays the gardens every year and helps pick up debris from pruning. Lynn said that she thought that the Garden Club could take care of the money this year but wanted BRAAC to look into it for next year. Myra also suggested looking into grants to help.

Other Business –Perry stated that he was in need of a few more planters and potting soil for Main Street. A couple of them broke from last year and there were a few more spots that needed planters. He was asked why BRAAC was in charge of planters on Main Street and why the merchants did not take care of it. He said that traditionally we have always taken care of it and that it covered areas that were trip hazards where plants would not grow. Curt asked if the merchants had been approached before and Anne stated that we talked about it last year; however it was never followed through. She stated it something we need to work on and Myra suggested we encourage them to donate by letting them know it is also a tax deduction. Jennifer stated that those areas will be gone once the next phase of the Town's streetscape plan occurs. Rita made a motion to approve the planters and potting soil, Alice seconded it and it was a unanimous vote to approve.

Other Business –Alice thanked everyone for a great job during Clean-up day and said that it was wonderful. Jennifer said that we had a total of 28 people show up and thought that the weather kept more from participating. She also stated that Chetola donated 100 hotdogs and buns, Woodlands donated slaw and beans, Myra donated chili, and Food Lion donated cakes. Jennifer stated that less than \$200 was spent on hamburgers, chips, and drinks.

Other Business –Last year BRAAC approved planting something that would grow on the chain link fence that separated Mayview Park and RV Hayes' property. Alice spoke with Karen Hamby (RV's daughter) and she said that the house was about to be sold and she suggested we go ahead and plant something before it happens. After further discussion it was decided that we wait to see what the new owners do with the fence and then talk to them before we spend time and money on it.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for **June6, 2013 at 5:30pm**

With no further business the Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.