



Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2015

The SNA meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by President Jane West. Attending were: Jane West(22), Cindy Chapman(37), Tom Dornbusch(22), Ed Browne(10), Michael Huffmaster(18), Ray Washington(39,40), Bo Fraga(63), Barbara Quattro(25), Tomaro Bell(83), Pablo Szub (27-Gulfton), and Sherry Wiesner(24). SuperNeighborhoods represented at the meeting were: 10, 18, 22, 24, 25, 27, 37, 39, 40, 63, and 83. Guests included: Rhonda Sauter from Dept of Neighborhoods, mayoral candidate Ben Hall, all 6 controller candidates, and moderator Kathy Vossler.

Speaker: Mayoral candidate Ben Hall spoke. He wants government to be community based and have more community input into budget. For public safety, he favors incentives for police to live in our communities and for businesses to install crime deterrents. The fiscal situation is dire, so he suggests more public/ private partnerships, and to pull back some money from TIRZs that are not committed to projects to help the pension situation. He wants to overhaul Public Works and Engineering.

Candidate Forum: Moderator Kathy Vossler facilitated a forum for all 6 of the candidates for Controller, the second most powerful position in city government: Jew Don Boney, Chris Brown, Bill Frazer, Dwight Jefferson, MJ Khan, and Carroll Robinson. Each candidate provided opening statements with their qualifications and then the moderator asked timed questions. Jew Don Boney was a City Councilmember (CM) and has an Executive MBA. Chris Brown has an MBA, has worked as a banker, and is the current Deputy Controller. Bill Frazer was a CPA for 40+ years with audit experience. Dwight Jefferson is an attorney who has chaired the METRO Finance/Audit Committee. MJ Khan was a CM and has an MBA and an engineering degree. Carroll Robinson was a CM. Some of the topics reviewed included: the status of city pensions, financial oversight and audits, transparency, and tax incentives used by the city.

SNA Business Meeting: President Jane West

Motion by Browne/Dornbusch to accept the September 2015 Meeting Minutes was **APPROVED**.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Cindy Chapman, SNA Secretary