



**HRA Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**05-26-10**

President Teresa Edgerton called the meeting to order. Board members and advisors present were: Teresa Edgerton, James Eakin, Barbara Ramsey, Kelly Gay, Kenney Koonce, Tom Arceneaux, Sue Ball and Marsha Millican Gill. Absent were Julie Payne Johnson, Cathy Williamson, Liz Swaine, Dan Marcalus, James Moore, and Tina Kendrick.

**Old Business:**

The minutes of the April 7, 2010 meeting were approved with a motion from Tom and seconded by Marsha, and the Treasurer's Report was approved with a motion from Tom and seconded by Sue.

**2010 NIP Grant—Teresa Edgerton**

Teresa has been working on NIP grant. According to her records, we have expended \$2,887.39 of our NIP funds, making us eligible to draw down the second "third" of \$2,166.66. Teresa is in the process of securing the required receipts from HRA Treasurer. Sue asked if membership meeting food can be on NIP grant; Teresa stated that we could for the May general membership meeting.

**New Business:**

**President's Report—Teresa Edgerton**

Teresa stated that James Moore has resigned from the HRA board and that we will be looking for a new property standards committee chair. Teresa recommended that the HRA join the Friends of Oakland Cemetery organization at Family (\$40) level. The recommendation was approved with a motion from James Eakin and seconded by Tom.

**Property Standards—Teresa Edgerton**

Teresa stated that the Disiere house (356 Herndon) was in the process of being torn down and was almost completely gone. James Eakin asked if 553 Dalzell had been repaired or demolished; Kelly mentioned that it was being offered for sale on Craigslist. Tom stated that he will talk to Mary Ellen Hoffman about a truck illegally parking on Topeka St. Tom also said that he would help with property standards committee now that James Moore has stepped down.

**Zoning— Tom Arceneaux**

Tom stated that 532 Jordan is both a property standards and a zoning issue. There will be a June 30<sup>th</sup> hearing at 2pm to address the zoning issue; the house was vacant for more than one year and so lost its multi-family zoning status. HRA supports the zoning reverting to single family status. Teresa stated that we will ask Liz to investigate a possible illegal halfway house on the 1100 Block of Boulevard. Teresa also said that Dan would like HRA members to report if they see work being done on 657 Jordan, as he is trying to acquire and restore the property. James stated that there have been more complaints about sex offenders living at the old Wales apartments at 2531 Creswell, which has a school bus stop in front of it.

**Neighborhood Clean-up—James Eakin**

James stated that he was representing Highland in a Shreveport Green survey of litter present in different locations throughout the city and would report back on what he found. James said that he talked to the manager at the Family Dollar on Olive St about trash, detergent, and oil spilling out of containers on the stores grounds. James stated that he was told to contact the regional manager, which he did; said that nothing had changed since then. Sue agreed to follow up with Hal Kelley about it. James said that we will do another clean up in the fall or on a cool summer morning.

**Membership—Teresa Edgerton**

Teresa stated that although letters were sent to members who had not yet renewed their membership for the year, not many had sent in their dues. Teresa stated that several major commercial donors had not renewed their memberships, either. Kenney stated that some organizations were reducing or pulling their sponsorships and donations due to the recession. Teresa stated that she and Julie would get together to discuss membership issues.

**Landscaping update—Sue Ball**

Sue stated that the landscaping sites were looking good.

**Neighborhood Improvement Award—Marsha Millican Gill**

Teresa stated that one possibly for the NIA was 410 Merrick.

**Fundraising**—None scheduled at this time. A Taste of Highland continues in the planning phase.

**Announcements**

Sue stated that two long-term HRA members were celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and that she would be sending them flowers on the behalf of HRA. Sue also said that she would draft an info sheet on zoning for lay people and HRA membership. Teresa said that she would talk to Mary Ellen Hoffman about when and where Highland neighborhood watch meetings were being held so that HRA can be involved.

**Adjournment**

A motion for adjournment was made by Barbara and seconded by Kenney.