

**East Paris Business Association General Meeting
June 14, 2007
Minutes**

Approximately 14 people were in attendance at Zoup!

John called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves, board members recognized.

John presented Mission Statement: To promote the health and viability of businesses in our neighborhood. We will accomplish this through communication, promotion, awareness, civic matters and support of community activities.

Boundaries are East Paris from 28th street north to Cascade Rd., Cascade Rd. from Cascade Hills Country Club to Spaulding, and side streets off of these streets. Membership will be open to others wishing to join the organization.

Structure of Board:

- President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, and 5 at Large Members
- VP will become President, President will become Past President with no voting powers except to break a tie (one year term each office)
- Three members of the board will be replaced every year *by vote of membership*, and must sit out one year before rejoining board
- Board and officer terms are June 1-May 31
- In 2008, 4 board members will replace 3 leaving, and president becoming past president. In subsequent years 3 members will be *voted* to the board.

Laurie Lindrup motioned to accept the mission statement, boundaries and structure. Denise Durkee seconded.

The issue of dues amount was discussed. John asked that everyone e-mail him with their ideas. Laurie suggested the possibility of writing a grant. Our association will have tax status of 501C6.

Suggestion-bring one new person to our next meeting.

We need to design an application and have available. A flyer, which can be e-mailed or printed for prospective members, will be made available. The flyer should include who we are, mission statement, information about contacts, meetings, membership. Let John know if you'd like to help with this.

Trish Spaulding from Integrated Architecture gave the business presentation. She noted many local buildings that Integrated has designed. They are known for their LEED certified buildings and have won numerous awards.

Denise (from Easter Seals) reported that Wed. Aug. 1 is their annual fundraiser at John Ball Park. Contact her for more information (ddurkee@essmichigan.org).

Dr. Lambert will give the business presentation for our July meeting.

The next member meeting will be by July 12, 8 AM, at Integrated Architecture.