

Capitol View / Stiff Station Neighborhood Association Meeting

January 14, 2008

2715 W. 7th Street – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Ralph Wilcox called the meeting to order:

1) Evelyn gave the Treasurer's report and reported that we have four paid memberships so far for 2008.

2) There were two special guests, Judge Alice Lightle and Judge Slocum Pickell, who are running for various judgeships.

a. Judge Lightle was appointed to the Environmental Judge position in July 2007, and is running for the Division 1 judgeship. She enjoys the job and hearing people's stories. She has been an attorney for 22 years and has three children. She has also worked as a lobbyist for several organizations and has worked in the Governor's office. She believes that a fresh mind and way of looking at things will help bring change.

b. Judge Pickell is running for Little Rock District Judge (Environmental Court, Division 3). He is an attorney in Little Rock with a statewide law practice. He has two children. He has practiced a lot in the Environmental Division and wants to fill the position because of previous experience in the division. (He has sat as a special judge in the division before.) He feels that he can make a difference in the neighborhoods and with a large number of people.

The election will be held May 20th. Both candidates addressed residents' questions on the Land Bank and on jail issues.

3) Neighborhood Association officer elections were held. Ralph Wilcox has agreed to continue serving as Secretary and Evelyn McKenna has agreed to continue serving as Treasurer. Those positions were moved by Robert Walker and seconded by Julie Hendrix and the motion passed.

It was also moved by Robert Walker and seconded by Evelyn McKenna that the election for President and Vice-President be postponed and that willing candidates be sought. That motion also passed.

If you are interested in serving as President or Vice-President, please contact one of the officers or Kathleen.

- 4) Kathleen gave reports/updates on the following issues:
 - a. She gave a report on the break-in on Pierce and also reported that she has not been able to get any more information on the lot at 7th and Coates or the house at 402 Thayer.
 - b. She reported that we will have six neighborhood clean-ups again this year. They will be the third Saturday in March, April, May, June, September and October.
 - c. She reported on the CDBG grant funding available for home improvements. The funds are available for low-income residents who are 62 years old or older or disabled.
 - d. She announced the following upcoming events:
 - i. Neighborhood Connections meeting on January 26 at the Neighborhood Resource Center on 12th Street at 7:45 a.m.
 - ii. Downtown Patrol meeting on March 20th at the Resource Center at 6:30 p.m.
- 5) Holly Hope gave a report on an idea to have a Neighborhood Yard Sale, possible in the spring. Watch for more details.
- 6) It was reported that an upcoming speaker, likely in February, will be Scott Miller, who is an officer in the Argenta Neighborhood Association in North Little Rock. The Argenta Neighborhood Association is an extremely active organization, and Scott can likely give pointers on improving our association.
- 7) A brief discussion was had on the newsletter, including ideas on how to revive it, and possible people that might be willing to do it.
- 8) Ralph gave an update on the historic district ordinance. He had hoped to talk to some of the City Board of Directors members, but was not able to because of the holidays and illness.

9) Robert gave a report on the Safe Routes to School program, which has federal money available to make improvements to provide safer routes for children to school.

The meeting was adjourned.