

Capitol View-Stift Station Neighborhood Association Meeting
February 14, 2011
2715 W. 7th Street – 7:00 p.m.
Minutes

Introduction:

Cara Chapman called the meeting to order.
The January 17, 2011 minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report:

Sophie Mitchell was absent. Cara Chapman reported that the general fund had a balance of 4,147.50.
There were five new residential memberships and two new business memberships.

Guest Speaker:

Boyd Maher, director of Capitol Zoning District Commission spoke on the importance of preservation to historic neighborhoods like Capitol View -Stift Station.

Maher outlined why preservation is important and the tools neighborhoods can use for preservation and keeping old buildings viable.
Examples of such were tax credits, grants and historic district ordinances.

He reported that community can mean a sense of place for residents.
Preservation can provide opportunities for education, tourism, jobs and stabilization and rise of property values.
He also noted that preservation can translate to environmental and social responsibility.

Cara asked if there would be an interest in forming a subcommittee to explore Capitol View-Stift Station joining the boundaries of the Capitol Zoning District.
A motion was made and seconded and the formation of a subcommittee was approved unanimously.
Cara will send out e-mails, Facebook notices and Yahoo group notices to the neighborhood about finding members for the subcommittee who will research and talk to Boyd about joining the district.

Committee Reports:

Alert Center Business:

Kathleen Countryman reported that there would be a facilitator ball around March 18 or 19 with dinner and dancing to raise money to send volunteers to the Neighborhoods USA conference in Alaska.
They are looking for donations for a silent auction.

Quarterly alert center newsletters are available.
Center facilitators are organizing health month grants for an event.
A church in Hillcrest is looking at organizing a farmers market and would like to partner with CVSSNA and the community garden.

Public Safety Committee:

Steve Chapman was absent. Cara reported that there would be no more monthly meetings but they could be scheduled as needed. Contact Steve immediately with any concerns.

There is a need for more volunteers to do Citizens on Patrol duty.

PR & Media Committee:

Cara reported that volunteers are needed to deliver newsletters and the association needs a head for the committee that could pass out the newsletters to the distributors.

Property Standards and Neighborhood Improvement Committee:

Cara reported that we are in need of a chair person for this committee. It would entail heading up occasional neighborhood clean-up days and possibly working with Kathleen to follow up on code violations.

Hospitality Committee:

Katie Walden was absent. Cara reported that there is a need for volunteers to bring food to the monthly meetings and special events

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, February 23, the CVSSNA Good Neighbor Night dinner will be held at the Oyster Bar, 3003 W Markham from 6pm to 8pm.

Cara reported that information about the dinner would be posted on Facebook and Yahoo.

March 12:

Keep Little Rock Beautiful is partnering with Keep America Beautiful for the Great American Cleanup in Little Rock.

CVSS will be cleaning up the Schiller and 3rd St. Cul-de-sac and the Rose Creek area from 8am-12pm.

On April 23, the neighborhood will hold an Easter egg hunt and picnic at the School for the Deaf pavilion from 11-1. Neighbors should bring a sack lunch and there will be deserts and drinks for sale.

The CVSSNA neighborhood yard sale and future cleanups were also announced.

February 17-22 a dumpster will be available for the neighborhood at 7th and Johnson streets.

Lori Berry reported that CVSS had won a contest to bring a historic steam train through the neighborhood.

Miriam Rogers reported that six new books for each teacher at Woodruff School had been provided through the money donated from CVSSNA. Girl Scout Troop 6200, Little Rock had also donated books.

Cara requested ideas for speakers and events for future meetings.

Lynn Morgan noted that 114 Brown Street had become a party house and was a nuisance because guests caused parking problems and kept neighbors awake.

Kathleen suggested they file a report every time they called the police and report issues to Citizens on Patrol.

Meeting adjourned.