

Capitol View-Stiff Station Neighborhood Association Meeting
February 15, 2010
2715 W. 7th Street – 7:00 p.m.
Minutes

- 1) New Neighborhood Association president, Cara Chapman introduced herself to meeting attendees and announced that the new meeting format would be one hour of speakers and announcements then thirty minutes of free time for conversation and snacks.

Cara reported on the following situations:

- a. Mark Kennedy, Vice Chancellor of Campus Operations at UAMS was scheduled to speak to the group but will be rescheduled for the March meeting due to the weather.
 - b. Stacy Hurst, Ward 3 Representative was going to speak to the association about War Memorial improvements but will be rescheduled for April.
 - c. Treasurer Sophie Mitchell was out but Cara reported that the neighborhood association has \$3476.55 in the account and that the Public Safety and General accounts had been combined. The association also has \$180.00 in membership dues to date.
 - d. Capitol View-Stiff Station Alert Center facilitator, Kathleen Countryman was out. Cara reported that there would be a Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) conference volunteer meeting at Robinson Auditorium at 5:30 on February 18th. She noted that volunteers could attend sessions at the NUSA conference for free.
 - e. The first test of the emergency alert system on the campus of UAMS will be held February 19, at 1:00 p.m. The University will be conducting these tests quarterly on Wednesdays between 1:00 and 1:15 p.m.
- 2) Cara inquired what sort of presentations attendees would like to see at neighborhood meetings.
 - a. Julie Hendrix suggested that the Rose Creek Park Initiative give a report.
- 3) Steve Chapman, board member of Rose Creek Park Initiative reported:
 - a. General proposed boundaries would extend to Gill Street to link to the existing Rivertrail. No trailhead will be designated until the City of Little Rock identifies concerned landowners.

- b. The committee suggests cleaning the wooded area on the southeast and east end of the neighborhood as well as restoring some indigenous plants.
 - c. The next meeting of the committee will be February 25th at Nancy Sheehan's house, 108 Thayer, 6:00 p.m.
- 4) Cara Chapman discussed the CVSS Facebook fanpage and the CVSS website.
- a. Cara is the moderator of the Yahoo group and the Facebook page, and she hopes to link all electronic media used by the association.
 - b. Public relations and media chair, Amanda Auttonberry is in charge of the newsletter. Residents can go to the website for a digital copy.
 - c. Business members can place ads in the newsletter, which will be free of charge the first month of their membership.
 - d. Business members can join the association for \$35.00.
- 5) Cara reminded everyone of opportunities within the neighborhood to get involved and passed out sign up sheets for:
- a. distribution routes for the newsletters. Contact Amanda Auttonberry at newsletter@cvssna.org
 - b. the Public Safety Committee. Steve Chapman will be chairman and the committee will meet the third Tuesday of every month at the Alert Center to address public safety and form a new Citizens on Patrol program.
 - c. Hospitality Committee to partner with realtors and welcome new neighbors to the area. The committee currently needs a chairperson
 - d. Property Standards and Neighborhood Improvement Committee to team with Kathleen Countryman and address code violations, cleanups, island upkeep and new signage.
- 6) Upcoming events announced:
- a. Good Neighbor Night at the Oyster Bar Restaurant, 3003 West Markham Street. From 6:00-9:00 PM on March 9th, residents are encouraged to bring a neighbor to dinner at the Oyster Bar. Ten percent of the proceeds will go to the CVSSNA
 - b. Easter Egg Hunt and picnic on the grounds of the School for the Deaf, 2400 West Markham. From 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the neighborhood association will host an Easter egg hunt. Participants should bring their own food for the picnic.
 - c. Earth Day Neighborhood Cleanup, April 24th. The City of Little Rock wants local areas to clean up trash in anticipation of the NUSA conference and tours.
 - d. Neighborhood Yard Sale, May 1st. For \$5.00 per house the association will place an ad in the newspaper, place signs and provide maps to show participating sales locations. Owners keep the proceeds
 - e. Neighborhoods USA Conference tour, May 27th, 5:00 p.m. Cara Chapman and Holly Hope will co-lead a tour of Capitol View-Stiff

Station neighborhood and discuss historic architecture and issues associated with the area. Cara is meeting with the Woodruff School to see if the group can hold a potluck dinner for four participants in the cafeteria. Volunteers may bring food or sodas. Contact Cara if you can volunteer.

- f. National Night Out, August 3rd. Last year the neighborhood gathering brought in a little over 200 people and Cara hopes to make it bigger this year. Cara asked for volunteers and plans to meet monthly in starting in March and then weekly in July.

7) Meeting adjourned.