

Capitol View / Stiff Station Neighborhood Association Meeting  
March 10, 2008  
2715 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Stephen Stricklin called the meeting to order:

- 1) Several candidates for offices were present to introduce themselves to the residents:
  - a. Kathy Webb – State Representative – She has served for the past couple of years, and will be running again for the seat.
  - b. Rep. Joyce Elliott – She will be running for the Senate seat for our district. More information can be found at [www.joyceelliott.com](http://www.joyceelliott.com).
  - c. Cathi Compton – She will be running for circuit judge (juvenile judge) for our area. More information can be found at [www.comptonforjudge.com](http://www.comptonforjudge.com).

2) Evelyn gave a membership and treasurer's report. So far, we have nine paid memberships for 2008. There is \$2,116 in the general fund and \$913 in the safety fund.

3) The minutes from the February meeting were read and approved.

4) Stacy Hurst from the City Board of Directors came to talk to use about several issues. We gave her an update on the historic district ordinance, and asked her opinions on the next step. She recommended we look at a design overlay like what is present in Hillcrest, since it is not as restrictive, but can still have controls on new construction like an historic district ordinance.

She also talked to us a little bit about the land bank. Land in the land bank is to be used for residential purposes, and it is a vehicle to acquire the property and sell it. Builders have to follow any existing overlays that apply to a site. Stacy indicated that it will likely not affect us too much.

Finally, Stacy gave us an update on the University Mall property. The property will become a mixed-use development. Although the development will not be LEED certified, it will have some "green" characteristics. Some of our residents expressed that they would like to see public transportation taken into greater account in future developments.

5) Jeff Nichols of Springfield Holding Co. came and spoke about the proposed Walgreens on the south side of Markham Street between Cedar and Pine. He showed a conceptual

plan of the site. Construction of the store will necessitate the demolition of the old Economy Inn and several houses. The design will incorporate landscaping and a low wall to shield the houses on Pine Street from lights. Initially, the store will be open from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. The old Economy Inn will likely be demolished in June or early July and it is anticipated that the store will be completed in about a year. He also addressed questions of residents, and the overall reaction of residents appears to be positive.

6) Stephen gave an update on Mark Abernathy's proposed restaurant development on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. As of now, the restaurant is on hold until at least May because of the economy.

7) Stephen gave an update on the property at 2623 W. Markham. The property has not been cited because it appears that they are working on it. He is going to contact Sheilla Reynolds to come back to our April meeting.

8) Stephen reported that he is looking at getting a printed newsletter back up and running and he will be working on that over the next few weeks. He also asked for volunteers to help with that effort.

9) Announcements;

a. Neighborhood clean-up will be on March 15.

b. Downtown Patrol quarterly Meeting will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Neighborhood Resource Center.

The meeting was adjourned.