

Capitol View - Stiff Station Neighborhood Association Meeting

May 10, 2010

2715 W. 7th Street – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Introductions:

Cara Chapman called the meeting to order. Twenty six people were in attendance. She announced that there were 15 people at the April 24th Earth Day clean up. One quarter of the participants in the first annual CVSSNA garage sale held their sales despite the rain.

Treasurer's Report:

Sophie Mitchell reported that there was \$4,276.34 in the general account
There were 10 new residential memberships
Four new business memberships
Twenty five yard sale fees came in
The association received a \$10.00 donation.

Featured Speaker:

Tracy Roark, Director of Little Rock Animal Services was the featured speaker.

Tracy reported that Little Rock Animal Services has a low employee total but they work 7 days a week and are on call 24 hours a day. The shelter has over 200 animals and they do cruelty investigations with backup from Little Rock Police Department detectives. In 2009 they took in 5,600 animals.

The shelter is very aggressive on adoption and providing education for the care of the animals.

The Little Rock Animal Shelter does euthanize and enforces the pit bull ordinance, which is the only one in the United States to be accepted by the Humane Society of the United States. The ordinance requires that pit bulls be chipped, sterilized and registered. The cat ordinance, which calls for mandatory sterilization of outdoor cats, is a model for the nation.

The Little Rock “no chain ordinance” to prevent the chaining of dogs in yards is used to take people to court and give tickets for violations. Roark reported that under the ordinance dogs in yards can be on a 10-foot trolley system with 7 feet of lead and it must be 4-6 feet off the ground.

To report violations residents may call 501 376-3067 or 311.

Roark asked for volunteers to walk dogs and pet cats and help out at special events. Animal Village hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM the second and fourth Saturday of the month. He asked for supplies such as towels, blankets or rugs for the kennels and cages.

Approval of minutes:

Cara Chapman asked for approval of the March 12, 2010 CV/SSNA minutes. Kathleen Countryman made the following amendments to the minutes:

she noted that the Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) conference in May is still in need of volunteers and that the Ward 3 elections will be held May 20th, not May 2nd.

Robert Walker made a motion and Steve Chapman seconded.

The minutes as amended by Kathleen were approved unanimously.

Alert Center Report:

Kathleen Countryman will be attending training for the proposed parking ordinance May 11

The alert center needs a volunteer secretary to answer phones in Kathleen's absence

Kathleen announced there were several city board and commission vacancies

The NUSA conference still needs volunteers

Former President Bill Clinton is speaking at the Friday, May 28 luncheon in conjunction with the NUSA conference. Volunteers can pay \$35.00 to attend the luncheon. Tickets are on a first come first serve basis and she will get the correct phone number to order tickets.

Public Safety Committee Report:

Steve Chapman reported that the Public Safety Committee meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at the Alert Center and they are open to the public to express their concerns.

Steve outlined three new programs that are in the works:

Citizens on Patrol - Participants have gone through training and will be receiving their final instructions from LRPD soon. Citizens will be patrolling in the neighborhood in the coming weeks.

Operation Identification – Residents can check out engravers to place their driver license number on their property and get stickers for windows

Home Security Survey – Michelle Hill of the Little Rock Police Department will assess weaknesses in home security for free. She may be reached mhill@littlerock.org. There will be a drawing at the scheduled National Night Out party in August. Everyone who has had a home security survey done will be entered and eligible to win a great prize which will be announced at a later date.

Residents with safety questions can contact Steve Chapman schapman501@gmail.com.

Hospitality Committee report:

Katie Walden reported that the committee had delivered 4 welcome baskets on May 9

She requested that any new neighbors be reported to her at kmwalden@yahoo.com

The NUSA conference potluck will be May 27 at Woodruff Early Childhood Center on 7th Street. Volunteers are needed to bring food, clean up and serve

Kate needs baskets and items for neighbors

Volunteers to bring refreshments for future meetings are needed.

Cara Chapman reported in Ann Milligan's absence that a Rose Creek

Cleanup would be held May 22. Participants will meet at the 3rd and Schiller cul-de-sac at

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

Amanda Autonberry was out. Cara reported in her absence that the new *Viewpoint* would be out in June.

Wednesday, May 12 will be Good Neighbor Night at Star Bar, 1900 West Third from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Ten percent of the proceeds go to the CVSSNA.

Jay Barth, Democratic candidate for state Senate, District 34, reminded members that Election Day is May 18 and the polling place for CVSSNA has been changed to West Side Baptist Church, 2715 W. 7th Street. Early voting will be held through May 17.

Tony Lun informed the association about his brushcutting and tree pruning business.

Robert Walker announced that Center Point contractors would be done working in the neighborhood in 30 days. The city will be landscaping I-630 so residents need to tell them what they want to see on the north side of the freeway. He will be gathering information on how to make these suggestions.

Cara Chapman asked for ideas for future speakers and what kind of social activities people would like to attend.

Meeting adjourned.