

Capitol View / Stiff Station Neighborhood Association Meeting

May 12, 2008

2715 W. 7th Street – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Stephen Stricklin called the meeting to order:

1) Stephen gave the membership and treasury report in Evelyn's absence. There are currently 15 paid memberships for 2008. The current balance in the general account as of May 1, 2008, was \$2,106.19

2) The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

3) Mark Leverett, a candidate for Little Rock District judge in the Environmental Court was on hand. He has been a special judge in several courts, and is committed to getting old cases cleaned up and taken care of. He is excited about the Land Bank Commission and Ordinance. He has met with Code Enforcement officers and is hoping to have them have the ability to do more in the field. He wants tough enforcement for those who won't follow the law, and wants to give more support to those who can't follow the law, such as the elderly or the disabled. More information can be found at www.Leverett08.com.

4) Police Chief Thomas was the featured speaker, and covered a variety of topics. He talked about the current crime statistics and compared them to previous years. He indicated that they are seeing more arrests of burglars and robber, and calls and crime are both down this year so far. He also said that 2/3 of the calls that are received are not related to crime. Currently, there are 55 positions that are not on the streets due to military leave, medical leave, or other circumstances. He also addressed questions about repeat offender businesses, a proposed downtown substation, and current jail problems. Chief Thomas also compared Little Rock crimes with North Little Rock crimes. The overall rate of crime is the same, although Little Rock has a much higher violent crime rate and North Little Rock has a much higher property crime rate. He also addressed Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment programs, and indicated that the city is trying to find a way to quantify the results of those programs to see if they are successful.

How can the neighborhood help fight crime? Show interest, look out for one another, communicate with the police – share information, and be willing to pay for good services.

The meeting was adjourned.