

Capitol View-Stiff Station Neighborhood Association

May 14, 2012

2715 W. 7th Street – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order:

7:18.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the April 9, 2012 minutes were approved unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Membership and Budget Report:

Kathleen Countryman reported for Sophie Mitchell that there was \$3693.11 in the budget, which included proceeds from the 2012 Easter egg hunt.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CVSS Capitol Improvements Committee:

Steve Chapman reported that the committee was in the process of collecting input from the neighborhood for suggested improvements. He asked that neighbors get on the website CVSSNA.org and send suggestions for areas in neighborhood that need work.

Suggestions are for repairs in May 2013. Work has already been identified for 2012.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee:

Ian Hope just did graffiti cleanup at White Water Tavern. Two new people, Bart Patton and Fred Williams have joined Citizens On Patrol.

Public Relations and media:

There was no public relations and media report.

Hospitality Committee:

Bart Patton reported that three new families got welcome baskets and he had six new names but he has not been able to catch them at home.

NEW BUSINESS:

CCVSS President & Committee Chair meeting:

Kathleen had a meeting with CVSSNA committee members to discuss working on attracting new membership.

At the meeting, Nancy Sheehan suggested sending out postcards as a reminder about neighborhood meetings.

Bart Patton led a discussion about obtaining e-mail information and the problems with gathering that information as compared to sending a postcard. Other suggestions were that committee members could send postcards to people they know, separate requests for contact information could be sent out, passing out door hangers and offering a rewards program with a punch card for attendance at the meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

City Hall for a Day:

Holly Hope talked to Andre Barnard about having Mayor Stodola and the City Manager come to the alert center for a special meeting with neighbors rather than holding a formal City Hall for a Day program.

Barnard said the neighborhood should pick a date.

Kathleen Countryman said the neighborhood should think about issues to discuss.

Love Your Block Grants:

Kathleen Countryman reported that Love Your Block Grants were available but the deadline was May 25. Requirements were that it should mobilize 20 volunteers to take part in a one-day project that should be neighborhood-based.

The neighborhood would have until the end of September. Two people would have to go to an orientation workshop. The organization will receive a \$500.00 Home Depot gift card and \$500.00 in cash to be reimbursed at completion. The first 20 projects that are submitted and approved will get the gift card.

Some projects that were suggested for the grant were new signage, island work and banners. Discussion followed regarding a project but it was decided that the neighborhood consider applying for the grant next year.

RBI Baseball Program Donation Request:

Bob Hamilton led a discussion on a past CVSSNA donation for the Little Rock RBI baseball program. The program did not follow through on collecting the grant. Hamilton would be in charge of fundraising and will be making purchases for the program. He requested that the neighborhood sponsor the team again for \$450.00 to \$500.00 for a sign to display at Lamar Porter field.

The sign would be 3X6 of canvas and could read "CVSSNA proud sponsor of Lamar Porter." The donation would be good for one year and the team would come back yearly and ask for a recurring \$300.00 donation for the display of the same sign. Design for the sign would need to be approved by the association.

Steve Chapman said that the association would need to check past minutes to see if the original donation had been taken back. If the association had voted to approve the donation there would not need to be a second approval if the money was not taken back.

Bob made a motion that the neighborhood make a current donation to the baseball program for a sign.

Motion carried.

ALERT CENTER REPORTS:

Homeless camps:

Kathleen Countryman reported that property owners of land in the neighborhood with homeless camps on them have been contacted about cleaning up. There has been no response from the owners so the issue is going to the city.

She sent an e-mail to Sheila Reynolds with Code Enforcement to see if residents can help clean up the areas. She has not gotten a response yet.

Steve Chapman reported that the City Manager committed \$30,000 for a hiking path on the 5th St. corridor Rose Creek Trail. Parks and Recreation was working on it but they ran into problems identifying where the right of way is. The Rose Creek Trail Initiative continues to get assurance that they are still working on it.

Oxford Houses:

Kathleen Countryman reported that a flyer with information on Oxford Houses was being circulated but some city directors were opposed to them. An umbrella organization would buy a house for 4-6 people in recovery to live in under a democratic process that determines who is allowed to live there.

The house would go by rules overseen by the umbrella organizations but some directors are concerned that they will not be watched properly. The issue might be coming before the board to determine if they are allowed in Little Rock.

A roundtable discussion regarding the Oxford Houses will be held at the Willie Hinton Resource Center, May 17 from 10 am to 12 pm.

Officer Crace reported that the police are doing a spring sweep in CVSSNA and are almost done.

Mounted patrols are in the neighborhood and Ride to Work Day for city employees would be May 18, at 7:00 am from US Pizza to City Hall.

New officer classes will start in June. Officer Crace said he would not be at the office during Riverfest or Memorial Day.

Alert Center mini libraries:

Kathleen reported that the alert center will be adding wifi and working with the library system so people can access books online. Technical problems need to be worked out before the mini libraries can be started.

National Night Out:

Kathleen said National Night Out will be held in October. The association will discuss it in June. There is some concern about having enough volunteers to organize the event.

Drug Trends:

There was no report on drug trends.

NUSA:

Kathleen said the mayor would be announcing NUSA raffle ticket winners at the next board meeting.

She will be attending the NUSA conference from May 23rd through Memorial Day.

Announcements:

There were no new announcements.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned.