

Capitol View - Stiff Station Neighborhood Association Meeting

June 14, 2010

2715 W. 7th Street – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Cara Chapman called the meeting to order. She presented a plaque from the Little Rock School District thanking us for our support of public schools. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Sophie Mitchell gave the financial report: \$4337.10 balance with five new memberships, and 2 late yard sale entry fees.

Kathleen Countryman gave the Alert Center business report: The neighborhood is to get two officers on horseback twice weekly. If anyone has any information on the former watering trough on Fountain Street please contact her. Please offer the horse and rider water if you see them out. Kathleen's weekly survey of the neighborhood has experienced some delays but will pick up again soon. The church is to put up a new electronic sign soon and the neighborhood association will be able to use it for announcements. NUSA was a great success thanks to the many volunteers. The participants really liked our city and gave glowing reports. The outdoor water conservation seminar is coming up; the times will be forthcoming from the extension service. A housing grant program is scheduled for Tuesday June 20 from 11:30 – 1:00 at Pulaski Tech.

Bobby Walker from Harrison House passed out pamphlets and described his organization as a place for cancer patients from outside the city to relax, eat and stay. They need volunteers, please see him after the meeting.

Steve Chapman gave the Public Safety Committee report: They meet the third Tuesday each month at the Alert Center. Please feel free to speak to committee members after this meeting to express concerns; we want to help. The Downtown quarterly meeting will be Thursday June 17 at 6:30 at the Willie Hinton Center. It is a good way to get to know our police officers, get feedback, share stats and make ourselves known to them. There is a new graffiti team that has begun painting over graffiti after first taking pictures and checking with the police. The Citizens on Patrol group is up and running; if you notice people driving around with Public Safety car magnets or people walking around in designated T-shirts, say hello and welcome them. Please get involved so we can have more patrols and the few volunteers we have now will not get burned out. The Operation Identification program is ongoing; the police say that having your driver's license number on your valuables is the best way to get them back if they are stolen. The Home Security Survey program is still available free of charge. Contact officer Michelle Hill at mhill@littlerock.org and she will come to your house, inspect it for weaknesses in your security and offer ideas to improve them. Have her give you one of her signed business cards, write your contact info on it, and drop it by the Alert Center and you will be included in a drawing for a \$100 gift card from Home Depot to be awarded at the National Night Out event in August. All of the above info is available on the website CVSSNA.org and in the forthcoming newsletter.

Katie Walden gave the Hospitality Committee report: Thanks to all who donated food and time to the NUSA tour. Four welcome baskets were delivered last month. Please contact Katie if you know of new residents to our neighborhood. We need donations for National Night Out and food for next month's meeting.

Anne Milligan gave the Property Standards Committee report: No clean-ups are scheduled at this time due to the heat but they will resume later in the year. Research for new neighborhood signs is ongoing. Prices range from \$600 for an aluminum sign to \$11,000 for a stone sign. She asked if anyone knows of people who make signs and would be interested in doing it for us. Kevin Cates at UALR has students interested in doing graphic design for our association in hopes of starting our own identifiable brand.

Cara reports that all of the contacts for the above mentioned committees can be found at CVSSNA.org and to please leave questions and comments with them at any time.

Cara announced that the newsletter will be coming out soon.

Rebecca Kilmer presented Mildred and Arnold Walton a gift of appreciation for keeping the beehives at the community garden.

Meeting attendees broke into two groups representing Capital View and Stiff Station to plan block parties that will be held in mid September and early October.

Cara announced upcoming events and new business: Tuesday August 3rd will be our National Night Out event at the School for the Blind from 6:30-8:30pm. It will be a fun filled event, if you are interested in volunteering in any way please contact Cara and join the planning committee.

The meeting was adjourned and attendees enjoyed food and conversation.