

Capitol View / Stiff Station Neighborhood Association Meeting
July 9, 2007
2715 W. 7th Street – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Kathleen called the meeting to order:

1) Teresa Taylor, from UAMS's Good Neighbor Committee, talked to the association about the signs placed on Pine Street. (The Good Neighbor Committee acts as a go-between between UAMS and the surrounding community in order to give people a good image of UAMS. Ms. Taylor had spoken to Rob West, the Assistant Director of Construction, who indicated that the signs had been placed in the street right-of-way and had received city approval. As an aside, the residents at the meeting urged UAMS to become more involved in the neighborhood association meetings.

2) Cindy Doramus and Paul Doramus, from the Boys and Girls Club, reported on the background of the Boys and Girls Club and some of the current activities. They would like to hold the National Night Out in August at their facility and will work with the neighborhood to plan it. They reported that they had received an \$85,000 grant from Major League Baseball to renovate Lamar Porter Field and strengthen the Billy Mitchell program. Cindy and Paul also reported that they are more than just a baseball and basketball program – they offer art classes, a weekly visit from a music teacher, and also offer some of the national curricula, including "Passport to Manhood," "Triple Play," "Job Ready!," and "Youth for Unity." They also expressed a desire to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for a new fence on the east side of the complex.

3) Kathleen gave a report on the progress of the historic district ordinance. There had been no progress since the last meeting, mainly because not enough people had approved using neighborhood association funds for the postage. It was approved to use \$190.65 to cover the postage costs, and further approved to include business reply envelopes for replies (with postage, if necessary). Kathleen would check on where the replies should be mailed back to. It was hoped that the letters would be mailed out by July 20th, with the informational meeting held on August 9th, and replies due back by August 15th.

There was some concern expressed over the neighborhood's apathy towards the ordinance based upon the questions that the City Board had asked during the approval process for the Hillcrest ordinance.

4) Kathleen gave a report on a nuisance property on Barton where several large parties with music, trash, and parking issues have occurred. The neighbor of the property is now being threatened and the resident wants the neighborhood association to help with the issue. It was suggested that she draft a letter for our approval to be sent concerning the issue.

5) Kathleen reported that she looked into getting new signs for

the neighborhood, but that the cost was prohibitively expensive. A couple of suggestions raised included seeing if students at the School for the Deaf/Blind could make signs, which Nancy volunteered to look into, and Becky and Herb talked about cutting out and painting new ones, which they would look into.

6) Becky gave an update on the School for the Deaf dump site. She presented a draft letter to be sent concerning the dump site, which was approved by the association for mailing.

7) In Evelyn's absence, Kathleen reported that there were two new neighborhood association memberships and 59 registered users on the website. She also reported that there was approximately \$2,000 in the general fund and approximately \$950 in the public safety fund.

8) Mark gave an update on the apartment behind the house on Schiller. The project has a permit as an accessory building, and is planned on being used as a place to stay for relatives.

9) Finally, Kathleen reported on the latest round of the sidewalk replacement program. There were 274 submittals and 83 were selected to be done, which included 11 in the CVSSNA area.

The meeting was adjourned.