

Capitol View-Stift Station Neighborhood Association

July 9, 2012

2715 W. 7th Street – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order:

Kathleen Countryman called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

Special Guest Jeremy Brasher:

Kathleen introduced resident Jeremy Brasher who lives in a “green” house on Appianway. Brasher moved into the 1300 sf house in 2011. The house is LEED certified – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – a rating system for high performance green buildings.

His home uses recycled and recyclable materials and is resource and energy efficient.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for April and June were approved unanimously.

Officer’s Reports:

Treasurer:

Sophie Mitchell reported that the general balance was \$3405.99 including the price for the newsletter. The amount dropped to \$2905.99 after the commencement of the July 9 meeting because she paid for the CVSSNA sign at Lamar Porter field.

Special Committee Report:

CVSS Capitol Improvements Committee:

There was no Capitol Improvements report.

Committee Reports:

Public Relations and Media:

There was no Public Relations and Media report.

Hospitality:

Bart Patton reported that he delivered 5 new neighbor baskets on July 8.

Unfinished Business:

Summit Street variance:

The variance applied for on Summit Street was to allow the garage on new houses to be set back farther so the driveway could be longer to accommodate the incline.

Kathleen has determined that it will not affect parking or the street.

Bill Forbess, the owner of the lots on Summit Street said he will be building 5 single family homes on 5 lots. The houses will have two levels and the lower level will be built with the slope. Sewer lines from the 1930s cross the lots and he requested a variance

because of the sewer lines and the slope of the lots. Forbess stated there will be carports, not garages.

Clear-cut:

The clear-cut on the 5th Street corridor has gotten overgrown. Kathleen has been trying to find out information on future clearance of the corridor. She said Entergy does the cutting.

Bill Shepherd reported that Mark Webre stated in February that the city would take care of it. Kathleen will call Mark.

New Business:

Buice Drug Store/ Restaurant/Bar:

Brian Teeter, prospective owner of the Buice Drug Store building on Markham was present.

Neighborhood contention had arisen over the prospect of a bar in the building and increased parking needs. George Jett at BP Station on Markham withdrew his offer to allow parking on his lot because of neighbor pressure and the fact that the bar would be open late hours.

Teeter is still looking at installing a business in the building. He is seeking a variance to utilize street parking and a parking lot.

He has experience with commercial development but mostly residential development. He would restore the building and then lease to a business to finish it out. A restaurant/bar would give more return on his investment than retail would.

Teeter has talked to the owners of Gusano's restaurant at the Rivermarket and Grub's in Fayetteville regarding installation of a business. He wants it to be upscale and hopes to bring in the operators of the potential restaurant at the next neighborhood meeting.

There was discussion about the Board of Adjustment meeting schedule. Kathleen will speak to the board about the meeting pertaining to parking for Teeter's business so residents can attend if they want to. She will have a representative at the next meeting.

Alert Center Reports:

LRPD – Officer Crace:

Officer Crace reported that the June crime statistics for CVSS are low. Residential burglaries are way down.

Code Enforcement:

Kathleen had no report.

She told people to be careful in the second block of Johnson Street because there is a loose pit bull. A neighbor's dog was attacked.

Facilitator:

Kathleen said the Little Rock Fire Department is collecting fans for the elderly and handicapped. Any fans should be taken to any fire department in Little Rock. The CVSS alert center is a cooling center.

Kathleen reported that five people have offered so far to work on the National Night Out party, October 2 from 6-8. She requested more people to help.

It will be determined whether the party is held after the newsletter goes out requesting volunteers.

Kathleen said that the alert center will provide information as it is received about the location of the technology park paid for by the new sales tax.

Announcements:

Wayne Gray of Lamar Porter Field offered his thanks for the CVSSNA donation for a neighborhood sign at the field.

Herb Hawn reported that the meeting announcement yard signs are falling apart and need new frames.

Bart Patton requested e-mails with reminders about upcoming neighborhood meetings.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.