

Capitol View- Stiff Station Neighborhood Association Meeting

August 8, 2011

2715 W. 7th Street – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Welcome and Approve Minutes:

Motion to approve July 11, 2011 minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Cara Chapman introduced Heather Smith with Shaklee and reminded attendees that the neighborhood association is considering creating a link with Shaklee's website as a fundraiser. A portion of the proceeds from sales of products will go to the neighborhood association.

Heather had examples of Shaklee products for attendees to see.

Cara reported that the neighborhood yard sale day went great and there was a good crowd present.

Financial Report:

Sophie Mitchell reported that the general account balance was 4052.39.

This included 11 new residential memberships, 1 associate and 12 yard sale participants since last month.

Cara reminded the group that all memberships will be expiring December 31 and the fee for renewals and new memberships is 10.00 per household.

Alert Center Business:

Kathleen Countryman said that she had information on the workshops she attended at the NUSA conference and she would share it with interested people after the meeting.

Kathleen had also attended training on nonprofits and the media. She will be posting information on the website.

Kathleen reported that Briarwood would be having its National Night Out party in October.

Alert centers will be still be utilized as cooling centers.

The downtown patrol quarterly meeting will be held September 15, at the Willie Hinton Resource Center, 12th and Pine at 6:30 PM.

Officer Crace reported that he will be getting a weekly summary of commercial and residential burglaries in the neighborhood – he reminded attendees not to leave valuables in cars and to remember to lock car doors.

Featured Speaker:

Melinda Glasgow with Recycling Initiatives spoke about recycling in Little Rock. She reported that Little Rock will be getting new 65 gallon wheeled, lidded carts for recycling contingent on approval by the Board of Directors in September.

Pickup will be every other week on trash day, rather than weekly. It will be more expensive to recycle under this new program, but acceptable materials like more plastics will be added to the list of recyclables.

Glasgow noted locations to take other items:

Batteries – take to Radio Shack

Auto batteries – take to dropoff center at Kanis and Jr. Deputy Park, Thursdays 7 to 5:30

Fluorescent bulbs – Home Depot

Aerosol cans – can go in trash after the spray top has been popped off.

Televisions and computers – dropoff center. Verizon Arena also has two drives a year in the spring and fall in the VIP parking lot

She passed out totes and cfl bulbs. Using the totes will get a few cents off purchases at certain stores.

Old recycling containers can still be used, but materials will only be picked up in new carts.

CVSSNA Upcoming Events:

Cara reported that August 13 would be game night potluck at the Alert Center from 4 to 7. Participants should RSVP and bring games.

September 17 will be the neighborhood cleanup.

October 4 will be the CVSS National Night Out from 6-8. Volunteers are needed.

New Business:

Stacy Hurst spoke to attendees about the September 13 vote on the sales tax.

She noted that sales tax revenue had been flat for the last 6 years, city positions have been left vacant, no raises had been distributed and crime spending had been reduced. The sales tax is considered to be the only way the city can increase revenue.

The tax will be used to pay for operational and capitol needs; 5/8 cent will be permanent and 3/8 cent for capitol will sunset after ten years.

Revenue will be used to:

- ◆ hire new police and retain grant-funded police, hire new firefighters and retain grant-funded firefighters
- ◆ enhance public safety with a new communications tower, fill 911 and 311 positions, provide a new police and courts building, build a midtown police substation on 12th St., build a small station in WLR, add code enforcement officers, provide a re-entry program for parolees and replace an aging vehicle fleet
- ◆ provide public works money for neighborhood parks, expansion of trails, money for the zoo and retain the state fair in Little Rock
- ◆ pay for a research park with UAMS and UALR and more land for the port

Warwick Sabin has declared his candidacy for the House of Representatives. Sabin announced he would be attending the neighborhood meetings and asked attendees to check into his Facebook page and website.

Rebecca Kilmer reported that she met on August 8 with Bicycle Advocacy of Central Arkansas representatives and other trail groups to walk along Rose Creek and discuss the Rose Creek Trail.

Cara asked that people contact Katie Walden about new neighbors and talk to Steve Chapman with public safety concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11.