

HISTORIC SOUTHWOOD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

May 9, 2012

The Friendly Fox Meeting Room, 4001 South Wayne Ave.

I. CALL TO ORDER – The Meeting was called to order by Steve McCord at 7:00.

II. STATE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMENTS – Steve McCord

III. CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR FOSTER PARK CENTENNIAL PICNIC ON JULY 6 – Lisa

- a. The family walk is at 5:00 pm
- b. The picnic is at 6:00 pm
- c. Lisa is guessing the set up to clean up time frame would be 4-8 pm.
- d. Volunteers are needed for set up, serving, and clean up. Please contact Lisa if you are interested. She also wants us to urge our neighbors to participate via newsletter, Facebook, and blog.

IV. OPEN FORUM FOR RESIDENTS' CONCERNS – 5 minutes per issue

V. SPECIAL GUEST: 5TH DISTRICT CITY COUNCILMAN GEOFF PADDOCK –

- a. 5th District pretty much includes all of downtown and may expand north to Spring St.
- b. Citilink bus station is coming along and is set to open in September.
- c. He'd like to see a train come into town too and link up with the bus & airport. Governor Daniels has partnered with the Governors of Illinois and Michigan to support high-speed rail between Chicago and Detroit and that Fort Wayne is included in the Midwest High Speed Rail Initiative Plan.
- d. Omni Source area may become part of the 5th District.
- e. There's a plan for ornamental street lights on Fairfield Ave. from Fairfield Elementary School down to the former Casa's.
- f. Duemling Clinic set to be demolished and apartment buildings built there along with a social service agency. SAFFY and SCAN will be involved with the apartments. Rachel Tobin-Smith is the contact for that.
- g. Geoff is proposing an amendment to the drug house ordinance. He wants the police to have the ability to cite businesses that sell the synthetic marijuana drug. It would cite the owner and force him/her to remedy the situation in a timely manner.
- h. David asked if there was a long-term plan for the former Taylor University on the north side of Rudisill. Geoff didn't know of any.
- i. Charles asked about the current Citilink station. Geoff didn't know the current plan.
- j. Geoff wants to know our needs and concerns on streets, curbs, sidewalks, etc. CEDIT money is down to nothing for each Councilman.
- k. Neighbors are concerned about the Parks Department's budget being cut. Geoff said every department is being cut and could use some extra money. Hopefully, money will be put back for that.

- l. Geoff was asked about the house at 4210 Drury Lane. He didn't have a solution, but would check into it.
- m. Geoff also said that he likes to come to neighborhood meetings and would try to come back.
- n. Geoff will be meeting with Cindy Joyner (Neighborhood Code) soon. There's a house on Fleming about a drug house that needs to be cleaned up. He said that what is decided on the house on Fleming might pertain to the house on Drury.
- o. Geoff will be at the Foster Park Centennial event on July 6.

VI. END OF ANNUAL MEETING – adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOARD QUORUM

A. MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl McCarthy	Brooks Beatty
Diane Dickson	Blaise Moore
David Goodman	Charles Northrop, Treasurer
Pat Thomson, Vice-President	Lisa Oberlin
Ryan Keirns, Secretary	Steve McCord, President
Brittney Collins	Lori Keys

B. MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Nagy, Kasey Krouse, & Andy Boxberger

C. GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: None. Geoff Paddock left before we started this meeting.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MARCH 2012 MINUTES – Blaise Moore & Ryan Keirns – accepted.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT – Charles Northrop – will have it next week. Steve McCord said we went from roughly \$34K at the end of the last period to about \$32K now.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Beautification – Pat Thomson

- a. Thanked people for helping with water & jugs for ash trees
- b. Things are going well
- c. Waiting for Kasey & Chad Tinkel to decide which trees to treat

B. Membership

- a. Security patrol, FWPD reports – 5 minutes – Steve McCord
 - i. Four 45-minute patrols per day
 - 1. Will be uploaded to Google Docs
 - ii. Other?

C. Nomination - nothing

D. Finance - nothing

E. Public Relations – Steve McCord

- a. We are getting hits
- b. If anyone has anything, put it on there

- c. Brittney suggested SWP t-shirts. David will check with Sarah Nichter.
- d. Brittney's brother-in-law's family does "cling on's"
- e. LSR Activewear (456-6546) – Louise Rowan makes t-shirts
- f. At the March meeting, we agreed to sponsor the Home & Garden Tour at Wildwood Park on June 16. ARCH has the info.

F. SWAP Reports

- a. February – Brittney
 - i. Review of the parks. Foster Park was the most-used park. There was a promotion for people to vote "yes" on the FWCS referendum.
- b. March – Cheryl
 - i. It was interesting and constructive. Proposal for the city water rates to go up (slight increases over 3 years). They want to replace pipes. Our rates are low compared to surrounding areas. Alex Johnson and others want to make Bluffton & Broadway more pedestrian-friendly. They want to take down poles and plant trees. This will be funded strictly through donations. They need \$1 million. FWFD is looking for people who know sign language.
- c. April – Brooks couldn't go.

V. CONTINUING BUSINESS – Foster Park Centennial Picnic

VI. NEW BUSINESS –

- A.** 4210 Drury Lane cleanup
 - a. Brooks will contact someone regarding a dumpster for cleanup
 - b. Owners are dead and the bank is not claiming it
 - c. Neighbors have pitched in and mowed
 - d. Steve M. had pictures and finally got the city to board window
 - e. Charles suggested that we get Andy's legal opinion prior to doing anything on this issue for liability reasons.
 - f. If Andy says it's ok, then we can go to work. Or Andy may say we have to act as individuals and shouldn't use "SWP money" to help.
- B.** Brooks will check with the city about the mowing crews "trim work" along South Wayne.
- C.** Strategic planning at July and September meetings – the hope is to create one and list strengths, weaknesses, and threats.
- D.** Lori mentioned 2035 plan where people can give public input on nircc.com

VII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.

Next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at the Friendly Fox.

Respectfully submitted, Ryan W. Keirns, May 10, 2012