

MINUTES
Capitol View-Stift Station Neighborhood Association
February 13, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Attendance of 33 (signed in) or more

January minutes were approved 1st motion by Nancy Sheehan and 2nd by Jordan Ray

Treasurer's report: \$3990.97 (received 18 residential fees) Sophie was not present but she sent report to Danielle.

Kathleen Countryman reported on the program being offered to homeowners by World Changers and the city of Little Rock. There are qualifications that must be met and applications will be accepted until May 6, 2017. Certain criteria are at least 62 or disabled, must own & occupy property, meet income guidelines and be able to prove income & ownership. There was a flier available at the meeting with more information available.

She announced there would be a NUSA Benefit Golf Tournament scheduled for March 31, 2017. They are in need of sponsors and volunteers, there were brochures provided at the meeting.

LRPD Ron Croson gave report on the crime in CVSS neighborhood. He reported that there have been 2 squads (that's over a dozen officers) that have been dedicated to reduce/respond to violent crimes in areas where need is the most. LRPD are asking neighborhoods to call in and report any issues and they are also asking for input about issues.

Kathy Webb was not able to make the meeting, but she did forward information to Danielle. She is getting complaints about the homeless and people wanting to have them evicted. Kathy has been looking at Austin TX regarding their work with the homeless situation and wants to see if it is possible for Little Rock to work with their advocates on helping us.

Warwick Sabin gave legislative update stating that it is the beginning of the 7th week. He reported on the tax cuts for income of \$21000.00 less, Military retirees & unemployment income. He also stated they are working on a bill that allows College faculty and staff to conceal and carry. There are approximately 1500 bills being looked at. They will finish business on April 7 and return on May 7, this allows time for problems to be fixed.

Kelsey Bailey & Sadie Mitchell with the LRSD spoke about the closing of Woodruff Elementary, Michael Poore was not in attendance due to prior engagement. There was a lot of discussion between the school officials and neighbors at meeting. There are no plans for the building at this time. The RE Agent is Stewart Mackey. Sustainability is suppose to be one of the criteria when looking for new ownership. The decision will be committee based,

which is Johnny Keye (the school board). The committee will then follow up with Poore. It was stated that closing was based on funding and the fact that there are 4000 empty seats in K-5 and that the PreK has approximately 300 vacant seats. Classes will be going to Carver & King Elementary Schools. All parties at the meeting stated that they are against the building going to a Charter School! Kathy Wells brought up Senate Bill 308 which talks about Charter Schools taking over vacant school buildings. Kathy Webb suggested that we ask for an Impact Study, there was a motion to pass a resolution for the study, 1st Tanya Hollifield, 2nd Robert Walker.

Mason Ellis skipped the Rose Creek Park update due to time issues.

Lauren Morris presented the Blue & You Fitness Challenge. She encouraged neighbors to register, CVSS has a team. You can log in and record all your activities. It is a way of meeting neighbors and also it will help promote safety in the neighborhood when you are out and about being active.

Anita announced that there were sign up sheets for the garden. The official work days for the Garden are the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month. They will be hosting a yard sale in May to raise funds, more details to come later. She also said they are hoping to have the opportunity, a couple of times annually, to offer neighbors to be able to pick produce that they have in abundance. These times would be announced.

Robert Walker spoke on the Workshop to save Neighborhoods. They discussed ways to cut violence such as having gardens on corners and improving race relations. He encouraged neighbors to support the sales tax to fund busing for Rock Region Metro.

Kathy Wells suggested that we ask for an Environmental Impact Study on the Improving 30. There is the issue of air pollution and the possibility that it may not improve congestion.

There was brief discussion on the Warranty of Habitability, we were in favor of having one. There was a motion made to draw a draft, 1st Harold Payne, 2nd Tanya Hollifield.

Committee Updates:

Public Safety; No report, Phillip Tackett could not attend due work schedule.

Public Relations & Media; No report, Grant Morris

Hospitality; Nancy Sheehan offered to keep up with the sheet used for volunteers to bring food until this position is filled. Vacant (Volunteer Please!!!!)

Property Standards; There will be a cleanup Sat. March 11th, sign up sheets for volunteers were passed around. A meeting for the Love your Block Committee was scheduled for Feb. 15th. There is a clothing drive for the women at Phoenix House.

Danielle announced that the next Neighborhood Meet up will be at White Water Tavern. Be looking for posts on Facebook and Nextdoor.

A big “Thank you” goes out to Mary Williams and Doug Barton for providing our refreshments at the February meeting. The January meeting had food donated by Anita Southard, Nancy Sheehan and Karyn Tackett. Also, as always, Thank you Mike Spargue for the fresh fruit you provide at all the meetings! The food is provided on a volunteer basis, so please everyone help out and do your part.

The meeting went to over time due to all the pressing issues we had to discuss. A motion to adjourn was made by 1st Tanya Hollifield, 2nd Jordan Ray.