

**Capitol View- Stiff Station Neighborhood Association Meeting**

**January 17, 2011**

**2715 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street – 7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**Introduction:**

Lori Berry called the meeting to order.

Miriam Rogers' last name was recorded as Lewis.

The December 13, 2011 minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

**Guest Speaker:**

Dana Beggs Secretary of the Board of Directors of Recovery Central gave report on Recovery Central center on 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Terry Burris, vice chair of the board was also present.

The group bought the building and moved in May of 2010

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Recovery Central center but the first building they have owned.

Recovery Central is a nonprofit and the building is used as a meeting facility only for 12 step programs.

Beggs provided a list of groups that meet there.

The meeting facility does not charge rent unless groups have a function and there is a partial day rental fee of \$25.00 for other uses.

The public is welcome to come to meetings unless it is designated a closed meeting.

Recovery Central will be doing landscaping and new signage.

**New Business:**

There was a discussion regarding a new fence in the alley between Rice and Thayer that is blocking emergency and service vehicles and causing difficulties for neighbors trying to get in their driveway. The owner never notified the City before he put up the fence.

Mr. Merritt of Rice Street will be meeting with the City Board on February 1st regarding the fence and he asked the CVSSNA board to present a letter to the city renouncing the request for the abandonment of the alley at 100 Rice Street.

The board unanimously approved a letter renouncing the abandonment request.

Lori announced that the newsletter will be coming out soon for delivery.

The neighborhood Easter Egg hunt will be held at the School for the Deaf and volunteers will be needed.

Miriam Rogers will be purchasing the books for the Woodruff School book collection that the board voted to pay for.

Betsy Martin of Linden Street noted a problem of yard waste dumping in the alley behind Linden. Kathleen will see about getting a no dumping sign for the alley.

**Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer Report:**

Sophie Mitchell reported that there is \$4252.60 in the general balance. There are 12 new resident memberships and 1 new business membership.

**Hospitality Committee Report:**

Katie Walden needs volunteers for new neighbor baskets.

**Public Safety Committee Report:**

Lori reported that the Public Safety Committee will not be meeting for awhile and there are no new issues but they do need volunteers.

**Alert Center Report:**

Kathleen will be taking donations to the Little Rock Animal Village.

January 18 the City Board will be having a meeting. A planned zoning development and residential district at 120-122 Rice Street and 2526 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street will be coming before the board.

Code enforcement cited the owner of 2322 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> for infractions of the rental code.

January 22, at 7:45 a.m. there will be a Neighborhood Connections meeting at the Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center at 3805 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

There will be an update from the Land Bank Commission and training on the housing abatement process.

February 1<sup>st</sup> the Little Rock Fire Department will be having a Town Hall Meeting at the Dunbar Community Center at 6:00 pm to discuss fire safety in the home.

The NUSA convention will be held in Anchorage, AK, May 25-28, 2011. Director Joan Adcock would like city and neighborhood residents to go. Contact Kathleen to participate. Participants must take part in the fundraising for travel to be eligible.

Election of Officers:

Hugh Thomforde nominated all current officers.

The reelection of current officers for 2011 was unanimously approved.

Nancy Sheehan reported on a web contest to vote on having a steam excursion train stop in Little Rock.

Katie Walden will send a sympathy card to the Walton family.

Meeting adjourned.