

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

**October 10, 2011**

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

**Minutes**

**Welcome and Approve Minutes:**

Cara Chapman called for approval of the September 15, 2011 minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Cara asked that the participants observe a moment of silence for Brett Rogers of Booker Street who was killed October 4, on W. Markham Street. She has set up a Care Calendar for neighbors to help his family with meals and other needs.

**Financial Report:**

Sophie Mitchell reported that the CVSSNA general fund had a balance of \$3369.49. There were 4 new residential memberships and sales of 10 Entertainment coupon books. The balance did not include incoming or outgoing expenses for the National Night Out event.

**Committee Reports:**

**Public Safety:**

Steve Chapman discussed the need to hire off-duty policemen during next year's National Night Out event to help people cross W. Markham.

He had spoken to Little Rock Traffic Engineering about the excessive speed of cars on Markham. They recommended that we work to get police to take radar in the area of Capitol View and Stiff Station.

Steve also surveyed speed limit signs in the area. Greg Clay with the City of Little Rock will look at the sign situation and see where the deficiencies are because the city does not replace lost or broken signs without requests from the public.

Based on extensive dialog with all city departments involved, Steve was led to believe that enforcement and more effective signage are the only viable solution to the problem of speeders.

Other traffic complaints in the neighborhood were people not stopping at stop signs on East-West streets. There are feasible traffic calming options available for those issues. The neighborhood could reach out to the city to use some of the new tax increase funds for traffic calming solutions.

Ian Hope asked about the option of using signs that flash the speed of passing cars. Steve will be checking with the city on getting one and Ian is checking with Hunter East about obtaining some from him.

**Hospitality Committee:**

Katie Walden reported that the National Night Out bake sale had brought in \$162.00. She asked for items for welcome baskets and information on new neighbors.

**PR & Media:**

Cara Chapman just finished neighborhood newsletters and was short two distributors. She asked for volunteers to cover some routes.

**Neighborhood Improvement:**

Kim Chavis was not present. Cara reported that the last cleanup on September 17 was rained out and Kim will be trying to schedule another one.

**Alert Center Business:**

Kathleen Countryman distributed a photo of Kevin Walker who has been released from jail. He has been known to steal yard equipment and walk into houses.

**Potential Ward Boundary Changes:**

Cara Chapman gave a summary of the upcoming ward boundary changes due to shifting population numbers.

The city directors are changing the existing boundaries and CVSS is on the edge of Ward 3. Director Stacy Hurst would be replaced with Erma Hendrix who has publicly expressed her dislike of taking on Capitol View-Stiff Station. The neighborhood has benefited from Stacy Hurst's advocacy.

Cara suggested that the neighborhood decide as a group whether it is for or against the changes and asked for thoughts.

Steve Chapman said that consideration should be given to property values and the fact that Ward 1, currently under Hendrix voted against the tax increase while Ward 3 voted for it. People shopping for homes could draw conclusions about the neighborhood if it becomes part of Ward 1.

Public meetings to discuss the issue are scheduled for October 10, 11 and 12.

Cara asked for a show of hands for staying the same vs. accepting the changed boundaries. A majority wanted to stay in Ward 3. Cara said that time was short to express neighborhood opinions because of scheduled public meetings and a final vote by the city on October 18. The neighborhood had reached out to Erma Hendrix, inviting her to the National Night Out party and she had declined. She has made it clear she does not CVSSNA in her ward, which would not be good for progress in the neighborhood.

Sophie Mitchell moved that the association request to stay in Ward 3 for those reasons. Motion passed.

Cara offered to speak for the neighborhood at the October 11 meeting at the Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center 3805 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street from 6pm to 7 pm, but she requested that others recruit neighbors to attend and speak also.

The next public meeting is scheduled for October 12 at Southwest Community Center, 6401 Baseline Road, 6pm to 7pm.

**New Business:**

Cara asked for nominations for new association officers and requested they be submitted to Kathleen Countryman.

The Holiday One Stop Shopping Sale is scheduled for December 3 at the CVSS Alert Center from 1pm to 4pm. A portion of the proceeds goes to the association.

The CVSSNA Holiday Party is scheduled for December 12, 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Entertainment books and CVSSNA t-shirts are for sale.

Katie Walden announced she had a basket for donations for Brett Rogers' family.

Meeting adjourned 8pm.