

Capitol View / Stiff Station Neighborhood Association Meeting

October 8, 2007

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

Minutes

Becky Kilmer called the meeting to order:

- 1) The minutes of the August meeting were approved. (The September meeting was cancelled so there were no minutes.)
- 2) Gene Davis from the church invited everyone to a free meal and presentation by a foreign missionary on October 10, 2007.
- 3) Robert Holt from L.O.V.E. (Let Our Violence End) spoke about the organizations, which works with children to help them stay out of gangs and away from drugs, by working with children in schools through mentoring and other activities. He will come back in November to offer training to anyone interested in volunteering (the time commitment is minimal). Kathleen has a sign-up sheet at the Alert Center. More information on the organization can be found at <http://www.the-solution.org/content/index.php>.
- 4) A report was given on the progress of getting the local ordinance for the neighborhood approved. There is still not a majority vote for the ordinance, so the neighborhood will need to be canvassed to get more votes. Nancy, Becky, Holly, Ralph, and others have volunteered to begin canvassing for votes.
- 5) Kathleen gave a report on the challenge grant project. New beehives and bees are in the process of being put in at the Community Garden.
- 6) The church will be hosting a block party/fish fry on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. It will be held at the church at 2715 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Entertainment and games will be held outside. The church is looking for volunteers for the neighborhood.
- 7) Police concerns: From August 28 – September 17, there were the following crime statistics:

Auto breaking & entering – 2

Individual robberies – 2

## Residential burglaries – 2

8) Herb reported on a complaint with the Kroger in Hillcrest. On senior discount day (Tuesday) there was only one manned register in addition to the U-Scan aisle. Herb reported that you can call Kroger and complain about their practices.

9) Kathleen reported on two issues:

a. She is looking for ways to increase attendance at the neighborhood association meetings and increase involvement in the neighborhood activities and issues.

b. She also reported on the fire department's Save-A-Life program in which firefighters will come and check your smoke alarms and put up additional alarms, if needed.

10) Kathleen announced the following events:

a. Public Workshop on War Memorial Park – October 9, 6-8 p.m. at the Dailey Fitness Center.

b. Neighborhood Clean-up – October 20, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

c. Neighborhood Connections Meeting – October 27, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

11) Robert reported on trying to create an Improvement District, which establishes an area in which money is collected from the residents to improve that particular neighborhood. The money collected can be used for anything, but the district must be approved by 51% of the assessed property value in the area.

12) The Neighborhood Association received a note from Wilma Burchfield on the death of her daughter, Barbara Street, who attended many of the neighborhood meetings.

13) Becky Kilmer asked about writing a letter on behalf of the Neighborhood Association in opposition to a proposal to widen I-630. Approval was given for her to write the letter.

The meeting was adjourned.