

Capitol View-Stift Station Neighborhood Association Meeting
February 20, 2012
2715 W. 7th Street – 7:00 p.m.
Minutes

Meeting called to order, the scheduled speaker did not arrive so meeting started.

Minutes from last month approved

Public Safety report: Steve, Ian and Brent to make a push in the coming days to eradicate graffiti. We still need more volunteers for the patrols so they can be started back up. Ian is heading the effort. Kathleen reports that she will work on getting the bus stop on W. 7th cleaned up of rubbish and trash.

Public Relations report: the Viewpoint is ready for distribution this weekend. A new communication tool has been established with the help of Bart Patton. It is an official email system that will send out information but can't be responded to. It is another way to get official information from CVSSNA officers quickly. Please unsubscribe from it if you do not want to receive emails.

Treasurers report from Sophie:

Hospitality Report: Nancy announced that she was passing around a refreshment sheet and stated that we need more volunteers to provide snacks for the meetings. Last year only a handful of people provided the food. Gift bags for new residents are being worked on.

Officer Crace Report: Remember that the marathon is this coming weekend and comes through our neighborhood. Everyone in the race should be off the streets by 5:00pm. Car break ins are down possibly because the holidays are over, the same can be said about home burglaries. The homeless camp on the eastern boundary of the neighborhood is being cleaned up with some clear cutting going on.

Code Enforcement report: More discussion about the Dennison homeless camp.

Facilitator report: Kathleen announced the Neighborhood Connections meeting February 25 at Hinton center starting at 8:30 am. The Neighborhood USA (NUSA) committee is meeting every Thursday at the Hinton Resource Center at 5:30 p.m. to prepare fundraising activities with the hopes of sending twenty representatives from Little Rock. Those interested in attending the NUSA conference are asked to attend the fundraising meetings and participate in the fundraising efforts. The cost will be approximately \$1000 each and the conference will be in Indianapolis Indiana. There is discussion of chartering a bus instead of flying to keep costs down for participants.

Unfinished Business: The Association still needs a president and vice president. Kathleen asked if anyone at the meeting was willing to fill either position. No one

responded. She explained that she could continue facilitating the meetings but our neighborhood is best represented by its residents and someone needs to step forward. Officer Crace responded that of all of the neighborhood association meetings he attends ours is the best attended and most enthusiastic and he wanted to remind us that we have a good thing going and it would be a shame to let it go by the wayside. Steve reminded everyone that the office of President is very time consuming but rewarding nonetheless and that we are in good standing with the city directors as a result of having a strong neighborhood association.

Kathleen reports that she has been unable to reach the current Property Standards and Neighborhood Improvement volunteer and asked if we should consider asking someone else to do it. Nancy responded that we really need someone active in the position because it is important to the visual appeal of the neighborhood. She also said that in the past youth offenders have been used during clean ups but she found them difficult to supervise. Kathleen said she is responsible for checking the youth offenders in and making sure she has their parents contact information. She also makes documentation of their work involvement. It would be up to the residents to supervise them and let her know if someone is not following the rules so she can have them picked up at once and that they would not receive credit for their participation.

Great American Cleanup: Walter Jennings who heads the program in Little Rock needs our participation. The members were asked if they were interested. It will be March 10 from 8-12. Hugh said that the Rose Creek members want to be involved.

Be looking for new recycling bins to be delivered soon as well as information from Waste Management regarding pick up days.

Land Use Plan: The city has updated and made amendments to its land use plan. Pine/Cedar at Plateau is owned by the state and there was a discussion about possible uses for it. Gill/ Markham area was changed from high to medium density. If the neighborhood has concerns about the two areas Kathleen suggested it go to the property standards chair or form a new committee to handle it.

Capital improvement Projects. The City is looking at lists of needs and working off of it. If you feel that this neighborhood has areas that need considering, this might be a good time to let your voices be heard. The group decided that it might be a good idea to invite Dir. Hurst to the March meeting and Kathleen said she would invite Stacey Hurst to the next meeting for such discussions.

Nancy reported that some city officials had walked along the clearing made by Entergy near Rose Creek and entertained the idea of creating a walking path in the area.

Steve announced that the third annual Neighborhood Easter egg hunt will be April 7 from 11-1 on the eastern boundary of the School for the Deaf. Cara is heading it and needs volunteers. More information will be on the website. CVSSNA.org

CVSSNA is sponsoring a Cyber Safety workshop at the Hinton Center on March 26 from 6:30-7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned.