

Capitol View / Stiff Station Neighborhood Association Meeting

February 9, 2009

2715 W. 7th Street – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

- 1) The meeting opened with those in attendance introducing themselves along with a gesture. The attendees then repeated the name and gesture back.
- 2) It was announced that Jean George, who had negotiated for the Alert Center in the church passed away.
- 3) The minutes of the January meeting were approved with a motion by Evelyn McKenna and a second by Robert Walker.. The motion carried.
- 4) Evelyn gave the treasurer's report. The Public Safety Account has \$913.78 and the General Account has \$2,855.56. She also reported that two new memberships were received in January. Robert Walker moved to approve the report and Ralph Wilcox seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 5) Ralph Wilcox presented the proposed changes to the Bylaws and Constitution. During the discussion of the proposed changes, Nancy Sheehan suggested that the phrase "through the block captains" be removed from Article IV, point E. Cindy Brown moved that the revised Constitution and Bylaws be accepted and Officer Winfrey seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- 6) The attendees broke up into committees to discuss neighborhood issues.
 - a. Public Safety and Traffic – They discussed the need to know your neighbors in order to reduce crime, and they also discussed how to host block parties in order to better accomplish that. They also talked about the need for a speed bump or stop sign on 3rd Street and on Capitol in order to reduce speeding. Finally, Kathleen announced that the Downtown Patrol Quarterly Meeting would be on the 3rd Thursday in March at 6:30 p.m.
 - b. Public Relations and Newsletter – They discussed the fact that more content is needed for the newsletter and that there is a need for someone to help edit it. Also, they talked about the possibility of creating a neighborhood directory to be able to use people in the neighborhood for work and services.
 - c. Property Standards and Neighborhood Improvement – They discussed some of the vacant houses in the neighborhood. Also, they announced on March 21st there will be a big neighborhood clean-up with dumpsters located next to the parking lot of Woodruff School, on Brown by the Community Garden, and in the vacant lot across from the church on Valentine. They also announced that they will do a Rose Creek Walk to educate the residents about the creek. All those interested in attending the walk are to meet at the Whitewater at 10:00 a.m.
- 7) It was announced that Unity Martial Arts is semi-open and will have an open house on February 21st. The open house will include demonstrations and free seminars.
- 8) Rebecca Kilmer gave some news about the Community Garden. She met with Cindy Doramus of the Boys' and Girls' Club about the responsibilities with respect to the garden. Bob Hamilton is the new coordinator of the garden. Also, it was announced that

a steering committee meeting will be held at Laura Ann Wilson's house on February 21st at 2:00 p.m.

9) Kathleen gave the following announcements:

- a. She is still trying to get information on the sidewalk repair program.
- b. Neighborhoods USA, a national meeting that involves neighborhood associations, will be hosted in Little Rock in 2010.
- c. A US Green Building Council Seminar will be held at Philander Smith College on February 10th at 6:00 p.m.

10) Sgt. Snook reported that the Little Rock Police Department will be canvassing neighborhoods in March and April looking for code issues and other items that will improve the city's neighborhoods. Meeting adjourned.