

Capitol View / Stiff Station Neighborhood Association Meeting

May 11, 2009

2715 W. 7th Street @ 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

- 1) The meeting opened with those in attendance introducing themselves, telling what street they live on, and how long they have lived in the neighborhood.
- 2) The minutes of the April meeting were approved. Evelyn moved that the minutes be accepted with one correction and Robert seconded the motion. The name "Danita Southard" in the minutes should have been "Anita Southard". The motion was approved unanimously.
- 3) Evelyn reported that there is \$2,750.56 in the General Account.
- 4) The following committee reports were given:
 - a) Public Relations/Newsletter: Cindy Brown reported on the idea of creating a resource directory and blog. She has started writing a grant to submit to the city and has started developing the idea further. The idea of linking it to the Yahoo group and to Facebook was discussed.
 - b) Public Safety and Traffic: Kathleen reported that police have been in the neighborhood giving out tickets. However, some of the residents feel it's been temporary & police haven't been seen recently.
 - c) Property Standards and Neighborhood Improvement: Anita reported that the garden is going well and people are harvesting. There is still a lot of work to do. Lance Levy indicated that he has some vacant lots that might be able to be used for additional garden plots.
- 5) A discussion was had concerning the cul-de-sac at 3rd and Schiller on the south side of Markham. Some residents would like to have it developed as a city park, since it can be relatively easily linked to the Rose Creek area and later the River Trail. Some of the ideas for the park discussed included:
 - Graffiti wall on the retaining wall: There is city support to do a mural on the wall. (The current graffiti is band-related, for the most part.)
 - Landscaped area, which might include additional garden plots.
 - Outdoor movie, cookout, or music venue.

Chris Sutton and Ruda _____ from City Year were also there to participate in the discussion since getting it done will need to be a joint effort between City Year, City of Little Rock, and the neighborhood association. Chris and Ruda reported on City Year and their projects. Service projects occur mainly outside of the inner city while mural projects occur within the inner city. City Year does many transformative projects for their service projects, and Chris and Ruda indicated that they think that this is a unique project and a good spot for a mural.

Chris and Ruda reported that mural ideas come from City Year from various mural ideas that have been used before. However, they can incorporate ideas/themes from the

neighborhood. Murals can be paint-by-number so everyone can participate or can be done by spray paint so artistic people can do it.

Anyone who wants to be involved in this project should call the Alert Center.

6) Meeting adjourned.