

Capitol View-Stift Station Neighborhood Association Meeting

May 13, 2013

2715 W. 7th Street – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Call to Order: Teresa Penny called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
Secretary Holly Hope and Treasurer, Sophie Mitchell not present.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of the April 8, 2013. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

There was no Treasurer's report.

Hospitality Report:

Bart reported that two welcome baskets were delivered.

Public Safety Report:

Ian Hope said that graffiti at the EZ Mart was removed and overall graffiti incidences have lessened.

Alert Center Report:

Officer Kelli Crace mentioned a robbery on Fairfax Street and an auto break and entering on Johnson Street.

He reported on a carjacking May 10 at 12th and Woodrow streets. One person was shot and his body was found at 2900 W. 11th Street. He had no further information regarding this incident.

Five homicides had occurred last week.

Break-ins on Pierce Street were reported to be the work of individuals from North Little Rock.

There was discussion of the numbers of burglaries in the neighborhood. He cautioned residents to be vigilant about observing suspicious activities in the area.

Kathleen Countryman reported that a 4th and Booker street homeowner is still collecting vehicles and boats in his yard. She suggested that if the neighborhood association were to write letters or show up in court then the judge might be more aggressive about efforts to get him to clean his yard.

Individuals thought to be taggers have moved out of 3219 W. 7th across from the community garden. The owners were granted more time to clean up the property.

Kathleen reported that a kickball association offered help in different areas of the neighborhood. She suggested island cleanup and is waiting on a response from the association.

There was discussion of using a CVSSNA sign at the Alert Center for the community garden.

Toney Moore continues as code enforcement officer for the neighborhood.

Kathleen said that the property at the SE corner of Woodrow at I-630 has been sold and potential commercial development is likely.

Teresa Penny said that the number on the realty sign on the SW corner of Woodrow and I-630 is inoperable. She will continue to try and contact the realtor for information on development.

Teresa thanked those who attended the April Good Neighbor Night Out event at the Oyster Bar. Over twenty people attended.

Special Guest:

Stacy Hurst, Ward 3 director reported on the number of sales tax project requests submitted for Ward 3.

There was discussion of the project list that CVSS turned in. Director Hurst had not seen the list, Ian Hope will give her a copy.

Discussion followed on removal of a tree in the community garden. The City will work with the 7th Street Boys and Girls Club, which owns the land.

Further discussion on crime in Ward 3. Hurst reported that 60% of funding goes toward public safety and the mayor is examining State Act 570.

Ian Hope mentioned the website www.rightknow.com to track criminals.

Hurst reported that there are 18 new police officers graduating in May and there is a proposal to hire 40 more. There are new horse-mounted officers in the River Market.

She said the 12th Street corridor will include a new children's library, a police substation and bicycle lanes. A hotel is being constructed at Pine and I-630.

There was discussion of the Beeson properties and improvement of the 3rd and Schiller streets cul de sac.

Lamar Porter Field:

Bob Hamilton and Wayne Gray reported on a fundraiser for Lamar Porter Field. June 15, 2013, 5:30 -7:30 pm Brooks Robinson will give a presentation at the field. Tickets are \$10 and the price includes a hot dog and a drink. Tickets can be purchased at the complex during games or the day of the event. www.lamarportercomplex.com. For more information. Flyers will be posted.

Bob said there are several grants available for the renovation of the field including some requiring synthetic turf. He represented the CVSSNA in stating that there is opposition to artificial turf being installed.

Flagstones will be preserved and personalized bricks can be purchased for \$150.00.

There was discussion of setting up a CVSSNA table at the event. There will be shuttle service from UAMS to the ballpark and volunteers are needed.

The neighborhood association was asked to continue donating \$300.00 to place a sign at the ballpark. A motion to donate was unanimously passed.

Bob proposed showing a movie at the ballpark to raise funds, which will be split between the neighborhood association and RBI.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.