

Capitol View / Stiff Station Neighborhood Association Meeting

August 11, 2008¹

2715 W. 7th Street – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Becky Kilmer called the meeting to order:

- 1) Ralph read the minutes from the July meeting and they were accepted.
- 2) Katy Elliott, who started the Arkansas Sustainability Network, talked to the association about things that could be done to make the neighborhood “greener.” Other neighborhoods, for example, have community compost piles. Attendees talked about possible ideas including a trail system (one is supposed to connect with the River Trail), and UAMS could be a possible partner. Art could also be placed along the trail. Some people that were identified to get involved with any potential trail project were the LR Parks & Recreation Department and the Bicycle Advocates for Central Arkansas (BACA).
- 3) A report was given on the Community Garden. There are 30 plots this year and it has been doing well despite the problems with squirrels. Amy is leaving the neighborhood so they will be looking for a new coordinator. It was also reported that Sylvia Blain at the greenhouse has met with the school and the Kindergarten class will have a plot and it may expand to include other grades in the future. The Boys & Girls Club has also expressed the desire to be more involved in the garden, especially since they own the land and pay for the water that is used at the garden. There was also discussion of having a Halloween event at the garden to get more people involved. If you would like to be involved, an organizational meeting will be held at the garden on September 6 at 4:00 p.m.
- 4) A report was given on the Yard Sale. A tentative date of January 10, 2009, was set, and it will tentatively be at the Alert Center. It will be in partner with the Arkansas Sustainability Network and be a fundraiser for both entities. An organization meeting will be set after a newsletter goes out and a committee is formed.
- 5) Kathleen gave an Alert Center report. The proposed BBQ restaurant at 7th & Woodrow is on hold. However, if the project does not go forward, the homes there will be spruced up and sold. A discussion was also held concerning petitioning people on Woodrow concerning placing a 4-way stop at 6th and Woodrow.

6) Hugh Finkelstein, who is running for the criminal court position in Little Rock, talked to the association. He works in the Prosecuting Attorney's office and has day-to-day experience in this area of the law. He is also involved in the community (He is a Rotarian.) and believes that he is fair. More information on him can be found at his website: www.hughforjudge.com.

7) Elections were held for a new President and Vice-President:

President: Becky Kilmer was nominated by Becca and seconded by Holly. The motion passed.

Vice-President: Becca Gardner was nominated by Brooke and seconded by Ralph. The motion passed.

8) Announcements:

a. The Economy Inn at the proposed Walgreen's site on Markham between Cedar and Pine will be demolished in September.

b. There will be a Potluck/Cookout on the 400 Block of Thayer Street on August 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

¹ Original document erroneously dated July 14