

**Capitol View/ Stiff Station Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
**September 13, 2010**  
**2715 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

**Introduction:**

Cara Chapman called the meeting to order.  
The August 9 minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Sophie Mitchell reported that there was \$3,956.20 in the general account, which included funds from the National Night Out event.

Cara introduced Walter Jennings of the Keep Little Rock Beautiful Commission. Mr. Jennings said the commission was a city board affiliated with Keep America Beautiful and Keep Arkansas Beautiful. The commission is responsible for promoting beautification, cleaning up litter and improving life in Little Rock.

Two of the main issues the commission deals with are:

1. Enforcing requirements of commercial landscaping and reviewing variances
2. Promoting the “eye of the beholder” program. This program recognizes people who beautify their front lawns. Neighbors can be nominated through their website.

Keep Little Rock Beautiful emphasizes recycling, litter pick-up and beautification. The commission does litter surveys in Little Rock neighborhoods to identify problem spots, which are usually areas with high traffic and wooded sectors. They sponsor “adopt a street” programs so individuals can pick up trash on a ½ mile section every other month. There is no adoption fee and the application can be obtained through the website.

The commission looks for people to adopt the worst trash areas and are planning a citywide cleanup in the spring. They also want to organize one in the fall and will provide basic cleanup supplies.

The commission does median projects for groups that have a local sponsor to maintain the median.

A clean up of Fourche Creek is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>.

The commission encourages recycling and provides recycling boxes for individuals. If anyone needs a new box they can call 311.

Cara announced that Anne Milligan had stepped down from the Property Standards and Improvement Committee.

Cara introduced Joy Rockenbach of the Obesity Coalition.

Ms. Rockenbach reported that the coalition had received a policy grant from the City of Little Rock and the National League of Cities to examine accessibility to healthy foods and exercise in the city.

She asked that attendees take a survey to clarify the city's perception of availability of healthy foods and areas to exercise. The results will offer the true perceptions of residents.

The survey is available online at CVSSNA.org under Arkansas Obesity Coalition Survey and it can be e-mailed to Joy at [Joy.Rockenbach@arkansas.gov](mailto:Joy.Rockenbach@arkansas.gov).

**Alert Center Business:**

Kathleen Countryman had no news to report.

**CVSSNA Logo:**

Cara reported that 2 final designs by the UALR graphic design team had been chosen and attendees were asked to vote on which one they wanted to see utilized as the official neighborhood association logo.

**Upcoming Events and New Business:**

Cara Chapman reported that September 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for ads to be included in the newsletter.

September 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm will be the Stifft Station block party at the Boys and Girls Club.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm will be the Capitol View Blocktoberfest party in the 300 block of Fountain Street.

Both would be fundraisers for new neighborhood signs.

She encouraged neighbors to decorate for Halloween and make it obvious you were home. There will be no central event for Halloween so as not to give the perception that there is only one safe place in the neighborhood.

November 12<sup>th</sup> will be Good Neighbor Night at Old World Pizza, 1706 W 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Part of the proceeds will go to the neighborhood association.

Cara asked attendees to view and sign a letter she had composed to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board opposing a nightclub that would stay open until 5:00 a.m. at 1900 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Steve Chapman moved that Cara write a letter from the entire CVSS neighborhood in opposition. This was unanimously approved.

Stacy Hurst stated that she was opposed to the club and Representative Kathy Webb was as well. Captain Wayne Bewley remarked that the ABC still has to review the permit despite the stance of local politicians, residents and the police department.

Captain Bewley reported that CVSS did not have a COPP officer because of budget and manpower issues and because patrols had been moved to other areas to provide bike patrol and horse patrols.

Bewley said he checks the daily digest on yahoo groups and is aware of the aggressive teenagers who have been attacking walkers by Appianway and he is addressing this personally. He asked for any information on the children. He also stated that the Little Rock Police Department was against the liquor permit at 1900 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> the quarterly downtown patrol meeting will be held at the Willie Hinton Resource Center, 3805 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street at 6:30.

Director Stacy Hurst introduced herself and asked that she be re-elected to the city board. Issues she is interested in are parks, midtown re-development and public safety. Her e-mail address is [shurst@littlerock.org](mailto:shurst@littlerock.org).

Cara Chapman announced that Katie Walden had delivered 5 welcome baskets in the neighborhood.

Meeting was adjourned.