

Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association

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Minutes of the Directors Meeting

October 15, 2008

Board Member	Position	Term Expires	Present	Absent	
Sherry Seiwert	President	2010	X		
Terry Dobson	Vice President	2009	X		
Lynn Schaller	Treasurer	2010		X	
Susan Dobson	Member	2009	X		
Ken Ingle	Secretary	2010	X		
Joe Goeller	Member	2010	X		
Todd Ferris	Member	2010	X		

Call to Order: President Sherry Seiwert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FSNA Members present: About 38 members and guests showed up for the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as posted on the FSNA website.

Financial Report: FSNA Treasurer Lynn Schaller was absent.

Guest Speaker: City-County Councilwoman Christine Scales (email cscscales_2000@yahoo.com, phone 578-8901) spoke about her priorities for the coming Council term and about the current state of District 4, which is roughly the area north of 38th street, from Emerson/Shadeland to Keystone. Christine has actually visited our infamous 61st Street, and agrees it badly needs work, but says that other areas with greater population and traffic, such as Allisonville, 75th and 62nd, are likely to get more attention in the near term. She did mention that the bike/walk path along 62nd has a good chance of happening next summer.

Regarding crime, she noted that homicides are currently 5% higher than last year, are mostly incidents where victim and perpetrator know each other, and are mostly narcotics and weapons-related offenses. If we see relatively few police in our neighborhood, she said it is because they are allocating resources to patrolling the higher-crime areas to the south of us and picking up a higher percentage of failure-to-show cases.

Lesser crimes are likely to include metal thefts, such as gutters and siding, which currently bring a good salvage price. ALL petty crime should be reported!

Christine's talk included a spirited question-answer session, which brought us near the end of the meeting.

Halloween Party – FSNA's annual children's Halloween bash will be held the afternoon of October 26 in the shelter house in Broad Ripple Park. Come in costume, and bring

your own pumpkin. Decorating tools, refreshments and prizes will be provided.

Mass Transit Initiative – Joe reported that CIRTA (Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority) might soon vote on whether to request permission from IRTC to apply for federal funding on its own for a diesel light rail system to run on the Nickel Plate line from Fishers to downtown Indianapolis. Members are urged to make their views known to Councilwoman Christine Scales (email cscases_2000@yahoo.com) and Mayor Greg Ballard (postal mail is best for him). For an announcement of the upcoming vote on this issue, see <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080918/LOCAL0104/809180334>

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.