

Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association

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Minutes of the Directors Meeting

John Strange School, 7:00 pm

September 21, 2011

Board Member	Position	Term Expires	Present	Absent	
Joe Goeller	President	2012	X		
Tom Sturmer	Vice President	2012	X		
Sherry Seiwert	Treasurer	2012		X	
Ken Ingle	Secretary	2012	X		
Barbara Hazel	Director	2013	X		
Kathie Church	Director	2012	X		
Bill Hazel	Director	2013	X		
Ted Hudnut	Director	2013	X		

Call to Order

President Joe Goeller called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes

Minutes for the Annual Meeting and the Directors Meeting on May 18, as posted on the FSNA website, were approved

Treasurer's Report

In Sherry's absence, the treasurer's report was submitted by Joe. Beginning balance from last May was \$4857.34. Income was \$450.00, consisting of dues from eighteen new and renewing members. Expenses totaled \$610 - covering printing and mailing for the newsletter and fliers, costs of the Easter Egg Hunt, and Independence Parade gathering. Final balance was \$4696.47.

Crime Watch - Terry Dobson

Terry reported there had been one break-in, in the 6500 block of Ewing Street. Richard Adams, the bald-headed white male who has been approaching residents in the area with a hardship story, then asking for a ride somewhere, is reportedly back in custody. Shirley Purvitis, our excellent Crime Watch Coordinator on the police force, sadly has passed away.

Old Business

Tom Sturmer gave a report on FSNA's 19th Annual Independence Parade, celebrated on July 2 in front of John Strange School. Several new families showed up as well as many "regulars." Councilor Christine Scales joined in our Parade and Pitch-In, and Engine #8 fire truck was there.

Joe Goeller reported on the September 13 public meeting held by DPW to publicize the 62nd

Street Multi-Use Trail. Preliminary work will begin (survey staking first) in September, and then trail paving in the Spring, with completion due next July. Unfortunately, there were some folks who still had not heard about it until now.

Tom reported on his meetings with the John Strange PTO. They put together a draft "Safe Routes to School" application for planning funds last May, but the School District did not act on it. Tom will see if there is interest by this committee to try and move this program and grant application forward this year. Tom asked for suggestions from anyone in the neighborhood on any other school related issues that FSNA would like to bring to the school's attention or jointly work on.

In response to a question, Tom noted that the John Strange playground fence is normally locked until 6pm on weekdays due to after school activities.

Website - Joe noted a recent uptrend in visits to our website, www.fsnaindy.org. For the last eight months, the average number of daily hits recorded was: Feb - 23; Mar - 16; Apr - 15; May - 16; Jun - 22; Jul - 21; Aug - 29; Sep - 26.

Newsletter - Editor Susan Dobson thanked everyone who contributed articles for the September Newsletter and said more items would be appreciated the next one, due in February.

New Business

Joe asked the board to endorse a letter of support for keeping the Ladder Truck 21 at Fire Station on 71st Street just east of Keystone. A petition has already been started on www.change.org (go to the website and enter "Ladder 21" in the search box). He also intends to put a link to this effect on our webpage.

Moved by Joe, seconded by Tom, that a letter of support for Ladder Truck 21 be written in FSNA's name for sending to the Mayor's Office and the Fire Department. Passed unanimously. Joe will prepare and send the letter, with a copy to Councilor Christine Scales

Neighborhood Survey: Tom submitted a draft survey questionnaire designed to elicit the desires of neighborhood residents, both to guide the board and to generate interest in joining FSNA. There was a lively discussion of ways to get the survey distributed and get responses. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

The upcoming Council Candidates' Forum was discussed. The Democratic challenger and the Republican incumbent will speak and answer questions at a public forum to be held at Eastwood Middle School on October 11 at 7pm. This forum will be held under the auspices of Greater Allisonville Community Council (GACC).

Moved by Joe, seconded by Kathie that an email invitation be sent out to our members. The GACC Candidates Forum will be added to our website scroll bar and as a "Hot Topics" event. Passed unanimously.

FSNA Boundaries: Joe has suggested that our boundary along Tuxedo from Kessler to 62nd

Street be moved westward to the end of 61st Street. This would take in an area that is part of the existing inter-connected roadway and sidewalk network south of 62nd Street, and is currently not part of an official neighborhood association. Joe Goeller has discussed this idea with the current crime watch coordinator for this area, and has invited him, along with other residents, to our upcoming F-SNA meetings. This will be an agenda item for next month's meeting.

Democratic District 4 challenger Kostos Poulakidas introduced himself to those in attendance and presented his ideas if elected to serve on the City County Council, expressing appreciation to the GACC for hosting the upcoming candidates forum and to the FSNA for getting the word out about this event.

Upcoming Guest Speakers:

October - Jo Ann Klooz, the President of the newly formed Westmore Heights Neighborhood Association.

November - Mark Warner, Neighborhood Liaison for the North Outer Region, will be contacted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Ingle, Secretary