

# Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association

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## Minutes of the Directors Meeting

John Strange School, 7:00pm

March 16, 2011

Board Member	Position	Term Expires	Present	Absent	
Susan Dobson	President	2011	X		
Joe Goeller	Vice President	2012	X		
Lynn Schaller	Treasurer	2012	X		
Ken Ingle	Secretary	2012		X	
Sherry Seiwert	Member	2012		X	
Jan Froehlich	Member	2012	X		
Barbara Hazel	Member	2011		X	
Terry Dobson	Crime Watch	2011	X		
Tom Sturmer	Transportation	2012	X		
Kathie Church	Member	2012	X		

### Call to Order

President Susan Dobson called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

A general count is that some 30 neighbors were at John Strange, including several people from the west of our current Tuxedo Street boundary. One woman, in particular, was very pleased to find a neighborhood association existed in this area, although her street is not a part of it.

Councilor Christine Scales attended our entire meeting, and stayed afterward talking to various Board members.

### Minutes

The February minutes, as posted by Secretary Ken Ingle on the FSNA website, were approved

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lynn Schaller submitted the treasurer's report. The January 31 closing balance was \$4515.12 and the February 28 balance was \$4,520.29. Expenses: \$20.00. Deposits: \$25.17.

### Multi Modal Pathway Update

Per Susan's request, Joe immediately introduced DPW Project Manager Long Nguyen, who advised neighbors that opposition by Speedway Marathon could delay the East 62nd Street pathway project into 2012.

Note: Contacts with Marathon later by Sherry Seiwert, J. C. Welch, and perhaps others on behalf of Fairfields-Sylvan persuaded Marathon to allow the pathway to proceed. It is now

believed that pathway construction will start in late Summer. Sherry and J. C. had not been able to attend our association meeting.

### Crime Watch - Terry Dobson

Terry commented on some March incidents, about which we have sent Crime Alert emails, plus distribution of Crime Watch Block Captain forms and letters, which have been individualized this year. Billie Main, who was present, has been the only Block Captain for whom forms and letters were printed. Terry will have to advise if other Block Captains attended our meeting.

### Old Business

Walkability Assessment Update - Discussed scope of the sidewalk survey to be conducted on Saturday, April 9, at 10 AM (meeting at John Strange School front entrance). Susan volunteered to prepare the flyer, which was later amended to include the sidewalk survey form on the back side. The survey area includes the F-SNA streets, plus a few blocks to the west to include Parker Avenue. The survey results will be tabulated by Tom and mapped on a color-coded exhibit. This exhibit and the results of the survey will be shared with the F-SNA this Spring, and can be used as a basis to discuss future infrastructure priorities.

FSNA and KIB - Betsy unable to attend.

John Strange School Traffic - Tom will share the traffic letter he prepared for the F-SNA with the newly formed PTO/F-SNA committee at their first meeting to held on Monday, March 21, at 8 AM at the School. Committee meeting notes will be prepared and distributed to the Board by Tom. Tom asked for volunteers to serve on this Committee; Ted Hudnut and Joe Goeller expressed interest.

Paid Sponsorship for Newsletter/Website - Sherry unable to attend.

Website Update - PayPal is functioning well. Joe mentioned to neighbors that they can find our monthly summaries of local crime incidents under the Neighborhood Watch on our new website. In the near future, Crime Alert emails will only be sent to members paying their annual association dues. We are currently advertising on our website homepage - guest expert Pamela C. Louks, speaking on trees and shrubs, at the Wednesday, April 20, meeting.

Neighborhood Cleanup/Easter Egg Hunt - Susan reviewed the two-sided flier created by Sherry for our Saturday, April 23rd event. The Walkability flier will be distributed in early April, with the Annual Cleanup flier distributed in mid-April, with Board members welcome to help on these handouts.

The "Easter Egg Hunt" may be changed to "Bunny Egg Hunt" due to involvement of John Strange School. Susan advised that we will be filling plastic eggs with candy and small coins at our April 20th meeting.

### New Business

Business Cards for Crime Watch - To support our March of the Crime Watch Block Captains campaign, Joe provided boxes of 250 business cards each to our 13 Block Captains. Sherry paid for her own cards. Terry will handle further distribution of these calling cards. Billie and I discussed using the cards as an introduction to neighbors whenever out walking in our areas.

Donation for Catherine Moore - This was not mentioned.

Neighbor Power Awards Nomination - There was general agreement that Fairfields-Sylvan might qualify for Indianapolis recognition due to the various neighborhood projects which were completed in 2010 and are in progress during 2011. Joe will review the nomination form and submit our narrative request, prior to Friday, April 8th.

### Speakers

April - Pam Louks, urban forestry

May - Annual Meeting - no speaker. There will be three board members going off the board. Susan has requested a special effort to find new members to replace them.

### Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 7pm at John Strange Elementary School.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes compiled by Joe Goeller, with help from Tom Sturmer