

Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association

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Minutes of the Directors Meeting

John Strange School, 7:00pm

March 21, 2012

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 7:00pm.

Eighteen people were present at the meeting, including the five board members noted above.

Joe reported on an update from Dewey Witte, DPW project manager for the 62nd Street Trail. The update contained the following points:

1. The arborist has identified the trees for removal for the new trail, and the arborist's report is due the week of March 19th.
2. Homeowners affected with tree removal have been notified.
3. Tree removal and clearing Right-of-Way is scheduled to start the week of March 19th, weather permitting.
4. Storm sewer installation is scheduled to start the week of March 26th, weather permitting.
5. Redesigning of some areas of the trail to avoid as many trees as possible and addressing drainage issues has been submitted for review.

Someone noted an apparent conflict of point #3 with point #5: it didn't seem logical to begin removing trees when a redesign to avoid removing some of them is not yet approved.

Guest Speaker

Joe introduced our guest speaker, Joseph Jarzen, Community Coordinator for Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc (KIBI). Joseph was there to promote KIBI's Adopt-A-Block program and look for new neighborhood coordinators. Among the benefits for coordinators are the following plant giveaways during the year:

- June 01 - Flower flats
- Sept 15 - Native plants
- October - Trees

Also, KIBI Coordinators are invited to an annual appreciation dinner, with hundreds attending.

The only Coordinator in our neighborhood currently is Joe Goeller, who just attended this year's appreciation dinner on Tuesday evening.

The areas covered by Adopt-a-Block and the names of their Coordinators can be seen on an interactive map on KIBI's website, www.kibi.org.

In response to a question, Joseph said that FSNA could mention on their website that tree consulting is available from KIBI.

Treasurer's report- Sherry Seiwert - February 2012

• Beginning Balance	\$4029.72
• Income	\$ 350.00
• Expenses (Newsletter Mailing)	\$ 305.91
• Ending Balance	\$4073.81

Minutes

Minutes for the February meeting as posted on the FSNA website were approved

Crime Watch - Terry Dobson, Coordinator

For the past month nothing more than minor vandalism, such as mailbox damage, etc. has been reported.

There have been reports of a female scammer approaching people in commercial parking lots to tell a distress story and ask for money or a ride somewhere.

Joe Goeller told of a suspicious car and driver he had spotted in front of State Senator Scott Schneider's house.

Website Update – Joe Goeller

A lost pet link has been added to the website.

During March, there was an average of 69 visitors per day, and an average of 98 pages viewed.

Old Business

John Strange PTO/Dad's Club –Tom Sturmer – There will be a school carnival on Friday, March 23. Expect traffic congestion and parking problems.

Dearborn-Oakland Outreach – Gayle Stahl. Gayle, Joie and Bryan are keeping their group informed, especially about the 62nd Street Trail. It was suggested that, if the Oakland/Dearborn streets were added to FSNA, a welcoming flyer be printed for distribution to them.

Neighbor Survey - Tom Sturmer_ Tom has updated a spreadsheet he has made of the results so far, which he will share with Board members via e-mail. There have been 43 homeowner responses received to date, or about a tenth of the surveyed area. Length of residence among respondents averages 21 years; 81% of the responders are FSNA members; and 28% have attended FSNA meetings in the past. Tom presented additional results, which he will summarize in writing for the April meeting. This summary can then be shared with all neighbors via the

May newsletter and website.

Website “Members Only” page for Crime Watch news - will be implemented after March member drive. Sherry reported 22 dues members paid so far.

Annual Neighborhood Cleanup will take place Saturday, April 7 from 10am to noon. The spring Egg Hunt will follow on the school grounds at 12:30. A beautiful flyer for the event was shown.

New Business

Trail Memorial

One of the most ardent and hardworking backers of the 62nd Street Trail has been John David Smith, who has lately been stricken with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) and has now entered hospice care. Tom Sturmer suggested that at least a portion of the trail be named after J.D., or that we find a way to erect a plaque to his credit. Susan Dobson said she would pursue the idea.

Website content

It was moved by Ken Ingle, seconded by Tom Sturmer, that wording soliciting contributions to a "Neighborhood Improvement Fund" be taken down from the membership application on the website. Ken said since we are not a 501(c)3 organization, contributions, no matter how worthy, are not deductible and we could be in trouble with the IRS if someone did so anyway. Passed.

Alcohol Permit

It was announced that Dollar General has applied for an alcohol sales permit, and that it has been denied.

Attendance Drawing

Winners of the drawing for a \$10 Marsh certificate were Larry and Rosie Lindsey. Helen Boyer won a Keep Indianapolis Beautiful Inc. T-Shirt in a special drawing.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday April 18 at 7pm. The guest speaker will be Noel Malatestinic, who is our new Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison, North Outer Region.

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 7:55, with Executive Session to follow.

Executive Session

Expansion of FSNA Boundaries

The Board met immediately after the regular meeting to consider amending the bylaws, as announced at the previous (February) meeting. Joe moved, and Kathie seconded, that Bylaws regarding the FSNA neighborhood boundary be changed to include residences on Dearborn Street and both sides of Oakland Avenue between 62nd Street and Kessler Blvd, as well as the north side of 65th Street from Tuxedo to Allisonville Road. The motion was modified to include

south side of 62nd Street between Tuxedo and Oakland, and the north side of Kessler Boulevard between Dearborn and Tuxedo. The motion was passed unanimously after agreeing on its revised wording. The new Bylaw is now posted on our website.

Executive Session was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Ingle, Secretary