

# FAIRFIELDS-SYLVAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## Minutes of FSNA Meeting John Strange School, 7:00 PM January 16, 2013

### Present:

Joe Goeller, President

Tom Sturmer, Vice-President

Sherry Seiwert, Treasurer

Kathie Church, Recording Secretary

Ken Ingle, Member Secretary

Barbara Hazel, Director

Bill Hazel, Director

Ted Hudnut, Director

### Call to Order

President Joe Goeller called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Joe reminded everyone about the gift card drawing. We were happy to see some new neighbors join us.

### Guest Speaker: District 4 Councilor – Christine Scales

Christine reviewed the positive projects which were completed in our neighborhood and the district as a whole.

- 1) Repaving of 61<sup>st</sup> street, drainage work & new sidewalks.
- 2) The completion of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Street multi-use trail.
- 3) The demolition of the derelict complex at Allisonville & Fall Creek and the development which is happening there now.
- 4) The installation of a sidewalk on 71<sup>st</sup> street from Steinmier to the Kroger.

She outlined the coming projects she is working on in our area.

- 1) The reinstatement of the ladder truck at the station at 71<sup>st</sup> & Keystone. She feels the new Public Safety Director, Troy Riggs will be a positive force.
- 2) The Ironworks Retail/Restaurant/Condo project at 86<sup>th</sup> & Keystone.

She discussed her two biggest disappointments of the past year.

- 1) The loss of the zoning fight to prevent the Glick development at 63<sup>rd</sup> & Keystone of a 4-story additional building out of scale to the complex.
- 2) The defeat of the Avondale-Meadow's TIF in Council Committee along party lines. As an aside, a story on this appeared in the Indy Star on Sunday, Jan.20<sup>th</sup>.

Christine asked all present to think about upcoming issues concerning taxes, budget and development and to let her know our opinions. One idea to explore for future revenue sources would be a PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) program. Many cities charge non-profits (hospitals, universities, charities) an assessment to cover city services such as streets, public safety, etc. which they use, but pay no tax. In addition, charging a special events user fee to cover the police protection/overtime for those events (the 500?).

We all thanked Christine for her hard work and continued advocacy for our area.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

December Beginning Balance: \$5, 548.84

Deposits: \$50.

Debits: \$25

December Ending Balance: \$5,573.84

### **Crime Watch**

Terry Dobson, Crime Watch Coordinator, spoke on the need to remain vigilant, even though there has been a decrease in reports of crime (maybe due to cold weather?).

There were 3 incidents in the 6300 block of Ewing. One resulted in a police response which failed to detect the break-in. Terry is planning a meeting with police about public safety issues.

As always, we could use more block captains for our crime watch program. With Christine in attendance at the meeting was Diana Vanarsdall from MCSO 9-1-1 Communications, who distributed information on the 9-1-1 program. She emphasized the need to call 9-1-1 if you see anything out of the ordinary. She said to never hesitate because you might feel a little silly about a false alarm.

### **Web Traffic Update**

Joe Goeller reported that we continue to have good traffic to our website. It was noted that we have recycling calendars posted on it, but that it might be helpful to post Republic's (our trash hauler) number and information.

### **Old Business**

62<sup>nd</sup> Street Trail – Joe moved that we formally dedicate the trail on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Ted seconded. We will meet under the canopy at the entrance to John Strange School. We will invite the Mayor and Christine to attend. If weather permits, we might even have a communal walk/bike ride. There was also some discussion about placing trash cans along the trail, either city or our organization. We felt wire baskets would be nice.

Fire Hydrant Painting in Fairfield-Sylvan during 2013 – GACC is planning their hydrant painting for April 13<sup>th</sup>. This is the same date as our neighborhood clean-up. Maybe some neighbors could split their time between these two activities.

**Attendee Drawing Winner:** \_\_\_\_\_ won the \$10 March gift certificate.

### **General Meeting Adjournment**

Joe moved that we adjourn the General Meeting. Kathie seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

### **Executive Meeting**

#### **New Business**

Articles for February Newsletter/Annual Membership drive – Joe asked for volunteers to write articles for our February newsletter, which will be mailed to all homes in Fairfield-Sylvan neighborhood and serves as our annual outreach for new members.

Ted, Tom, and Joe volunteered articles.

Proposed “Welcome Wagon” for new neighbors – Tabled discussion due to late hour.

Drainage Problems Mapping Project – Tom Sturmer plans to map problem areas during March/April. He will be asking for input from the neighborhood.

John Strange Landscape Beautification Project – The PTO of John Strange has received a grant to be used for Landscaping. They are soliciting donations to finalize the project. Joe moved that FSNA donate \$500 to this project. Tom seconded. The board passed this motion unanimously.

### **Adjourn**

We adjourned the Executive Meeting at 9:10 pm.

Next Fairfield-Sylvan meeting is Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 2013.