

FAIRFIELDS-SYLVAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of FSNA Meeting John Strange School, 7:00 pm February 20, 2013

Present:

Joe Goeller, President

Tom Sturmer, Vice-President

Sherry Seiwert, Treasurer

Kathie Church, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Ken Ingle, Member Secretary

Barb Hazel, Director

Bill Hazel, Director

Ted Hudnut, Director

Noelle Malatestinic, our City Neighborhood Liaison, was also present.

Call To Order:

President Joe Goeller called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Joe reminded everyone to enter the Marsh drawing. He also urged those present to sign the sheets for our April 13th neighborhood clean-up and/or FSNA fire hydrant painting project.

Guest Speaker: Republic Recycling Representative –Laura Blank

Ms. Blank gave an overview of the recycling efforts in the Indianapolis area. She took questions from those present concerning what is or is not allowed to be placed in the bins for recycling. She distributed hand-outs with recycling guidelines. Those present thought that this information should be on the website.

Treasurer's Report:

Sherry reported our starting balance as \$5, 507.80

Income \$ 75.00

Expense \$ 159.63

New Balance \$5,423.17

This does not include \$500 we had allocated to the landscaping project for John Strange.

Website Traffic Update:

Joe reported 11 downloads of the Republic recycling schedule we have posted on the site.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Membership Drive:

We postal mailed nearly 500 newsletters to every household in our neighborhood. This is our annual outreach to solicit new members. They were sent in the 2nd week of February.

News & Views Newsletter Mailing:

See above comments.

East 62nd Street Trail- March 16th Dedication:

Joe announced that the dedication will be held on March 16th at 11 AM under the main entrance canopy of John Strange School. Unfortunately, the Mayor has sent his regrets. However, our District 4 City Councilor, Christine Scales and our State Representative, Christina Hale, will be in attendance. There was clarification of a statement in the newsletter that FSNA would be providing wire trash baskets along the trail. Actually, we were going to ask the city if they would be providing baskets. In the event they were not, the board asked Ted Hudnut to look into cost. There has been no vote to allocate funds for this. A neighbor mentioned he had a contact with a company which has steel baskets with lids which are installed in concrete for approximately \$100 each.

Gayle Stahl has joined "Adopt a Block" and is taking responsibility for a section of the Trail. She suggested others follow her lead. FSNA should encourage neighbors to join.

Fire Hydrant Painting in Fairfields- Sylvan.

FSNA and GACC are planning to paint 22 fire hydrants in our neighborhood on Saturday, April 13, beginning at 9:00 am. Volunteers are wanted and needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Crime Watch:

Terry Dobson was not in attendance. Gayle Stahl led a discussion on the reporting of crime in our neighborhood. She was especially interested in the possibility of following any increase which might be connected to the opening of the trail. Various neighbors felt not all crimes are being included in the crime stat reports for our neighborhood. Noelle Malatestinic suggested that we contact our Community Resource Liaisons, Lindsey Terry and Officer Michael Maxwell. They had been our guests at our October meeting. At that time Officer Maxwell had promised to e-mail crime reports and his monthly info to Joe. This has not happened. Joe plans on contacting and reminding him to send this to us. The FSNA has an interest in following up on the impact of the trail in our neighborhood. Would it be possible for IMPD to map crime reports within 2-3 blocks outside of FSNA?

Proposed “Welcome Wagon” for New Neighbors:

Would this be a function of the Block Captains? Attendee suggested a “Welcome” area on our website containing general information for our area, i.e. trash collection, cable services, phone, etc. Further discussion was postponed to a later meeting.

Drainage Problems Mapping Project - Tom Sturmer:

In our 2012 neighborhood survey, 91% of the responders stated that the FSNA should advocate for drainage improvements in our neighborhood. This topic received the third highest response in the survey. Tom will develop a survey form and map this spring, asking for input on specific drainage problems. He passed out a Project Schedule. The hope is that after tabulating the results in a spreadsheet and maps, we will discuss the results with DPW and Councilor Scales in the fall.

Noelle mentioned that Citizen’s Water & Gas and Marion County Soil and Conservation should also be contacted. There would probably be different solutions for mitigation on public as opposed to private land. Tom asked for comments or feedback on the schedule. Those in attendance agreed with his schedule. He felt that mailing the survey would be preferable to using e-mail. Someone asked that we also look into sewer status planning along with the drainage. The deteriorating condition of the sidewalks in some areas was of concern to others present.

Marsh Drawing:

Lisa Parker won the \$10.00 Marsh gift certificate.

Adjourn:

Joe moved to adjourn the meeting. Kathie seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.