

FAIRFIELDS-SYLVAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the FSNA Meeting John Strange School, 7:00 PM January 15, 2014

Directors Present:

Joe Goeller, President
Tom Sturmer, Vice-President
Kathie Church, Recording Secretary
Ken Ingle, Member Secretary
Jim Aelick, Director
Bill Hazel, Director
Ted Hudnut, Director

Directors Absent:

Sherry Seiwert, Treasurer

Call To Order:

President Joe Goeller called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. There were 14 people present. He reminded all present to register for the Marsh gift card drawing.

Guest Speaker:

Katy Brett, Executive Director, Renew Indianapolis www.renewindianapolis.org
Renew Indianapolis. Was formed in 2010 to help the city find buyers for properties in Marion County owned by the Land Bank. Renew is focused on rehabilitation & reuse by owner/buyers. The typical purchase price is \$1500-\$3500.

Their main efforts are :

- 1) Capacity- They have 4 employees up from 1.
- 2) Accountability- not to be used for “flippers”. Buyers must fulfill certain requirements.
- 3) Neighborhood input.
- 4) Transparency-established a process for purchase.

There are presently 6,000 surplus properties in Marion County. The City owns 950 of these.

Treasurer’s Report:

Due to Sherry’s absence , Joe Presented the report:

Balance Dec 1	\$5,018
Income	0
Expense	80
Balance Dec 31	\$4,938

Minutes:

November minutes on the FSNA website.

Old Business:

Fire Hydrants painting – 21 have been done. We will complete the project in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Drainage-Problem Mapping Survey:

Tom Sturmer briefly gave a short over-view of the process and results of the survey he conducted in the spring-summer of 2013. He felt we should re-visit this map in the late spring of 2014 when the issues are highest on the minds of our residents. This is the time of year when the problems are the greatest

Crime Watch:

Joe gave a short presentation on **SafeTown.org**. A link to this program has been added to our FSNA website.

Motion to Approve February Newsletter/Postage/Membership Drive:

A discussion ensued about how to best attract new members. Some felt that the dates of actual membership for dues payers needs to be clarified. It was stated that the Dues run from March to March. If you join at any time other than the 1st of March your membership still lapses on the following March 1st. This should probably be made more clear. The website could address this. Suggestions to encourage new membership included:

- Placing a separate membership/dues form with a return envelope in our yearly neighborhood wide newsletter mailing in February.
- Separate mailing with just the membership form.
- Separate mailing in May with an invoice...including a disclaimer “if you’ve already paid” – ignore.

It was moved and seconded to approve the expense for our February newsletter. It was estimated at \$450.

Marsh Card Drawing:

Gayle Stahl won the \$10 gift card.

Adjourn:

Joe adjourned the meeting at 8:30. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 19, 2014.

