

**WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES**  
**MONDAY APRIL 19, 2004 AL ARNOLD PRESIDING FOR PRESIDENT JEFF HOEPPNER**

**Treasurer's Report:**  
**Checking (Tower): 1,239.92**  
**Money Market (Tower ): 4,231.93**  
**Edward Jones: 22,272.92**  
**Escrow: 10,000.00**  
**Total: 37,744.77**

**Membership: 44**  
**Individual:**  
**Family:**  
**Business: 6**

**Attendance: 29**  
**Start Time: 7:02**  
**End Time: 8:32**

<b>Items</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Follow-up Needed</b>
Guests		
William Sinish appearing to seek association approval for a variance to house his business headquarters at 1030 West Wayne Street	Mr Sinish has Acquired the properties at 1020 and 1030 West Wayne from the estate of his Uncle Dr. Herman Meyer. He wishes to use 1030 as an executive office for his businesses which include an executive search firm and a manufacturer of kitchen ranges using proprietary technology. The building would be used by Mr Sinish and his partner as office space and there would be one assistant and one cook located in the house. Upon questioning Mr Sinish has said that the outside of 1030 will be refurbished but not returned to its original design and that Don Orban is assisting him in matters of color and design. An existing driveway and gravel lot would be used for parking. There are no plans for someone to live in the house. He plans to stabilize 1020 but has made no plans for the interior. He plans to have no business visitors to the home. No plans have been made in the event that a variance is not granted.	By a majority vote of members present (17 for, 1 against, 7 abstain) The Association voted to recommend against the variance. Reasons included that the neighborhood plan recommends against such variances in the primarily residential area, Mr. Sinish does not plan to live in the property, plans for the refurbishment do not return the home to its former appearance, and there is some concern about using the property as a test kitchen. The secretary will send a letter to the Board of Zoning Appeals recommending against the variance.
James Ridley, President, Fort Wayne Professional Firefighters Union Local 124	Mr Ridley appeared to inform us that the Fire Fighters Union has purchased the old firehouse on Broadway for use as a headquarters for the Union. Creager Smith is assisting them in matters remodeling and they are working to secure a grant for restoration of the building front with help from the city and West Central's status as a CBDO. They also hope to have a small memorial to firefighters next to the building. The Union plans to join and be active in the association.	No action required by the association, though there is much enthusiasm for the plan.
Old Business		
Neighborhood Plan	The meeting notification cards have been printed and Carol Salge will pick them up from the firm that is preparing them for mailing late this week . They should be received by residents next week.	Continue to prepare for the meeting
Street Lights Washington	Nothing new to report. Bids going out in May, completion by the fall.	Continue

Brick Street Workshop	Jill Downs reported that two days of pre-work have been done on our salvaged brick. All plans for the workshop are complete and registrations are being received from other communities. Volunteers are in place as well for the event. Help is needed on the 6 <sup>th</sup> to take up some of Maiden Lane. The Lecture on the 7 <sup>th</sup> is free. It is in the Omni Room at the City County Building.	Thanks to the cleaning volunteers and to Chris DeLong for supplying pallets for the bricks. Work to continue.
CCW	John Drier's reserve unit has been called up and his role in CCW will need to be filled by someone else. Tom DeLong and Cherie Stark reported that Liza Thomas our NLO attended their last meeting. She is willing to volunteer for CCW patrol shifts in the neighborhood. She reminded the group that nobody wants to break into a clean car. Keep interiors free of clutter. The neighborhood can send letters to owners and landlords of properties where suspicious or undesirable activity is occurring. There is some concern over a pit bull in the neighborhood. Meetings for CCW are the first Thursday of the month in the basement at St. Joe Hospital. All are welcome.	CCW to select a leader to act in John's place until he returns from his deployment.
House and Garden Tour	Norma Hoepfner reported that we have Klaehn, Fahl & Melton as our headliner business, complete with antique cars in the parking lot and a display of antiques and old tools of the trade. Lewellan House is our feature house. We need more homes and apartments. Call Norma or Jill at 385-WEST to volunteer your home.	Proceed with planning.
501(c)(3) and bylaws	Jill has distributed a draft of the mission statement and proposed bylaws to the executive committee. These need to be finalized and prepared for a vote before the 501(C)(3) can become a reality.	Committee needs to meet and work on this.
Announcements		
Swinney Work Days	Larry Walter from the Parks Department will lead a crew of volunteers to work in Swinney Park the fourth Saturday of every month. Report at 8:30 to the area by the pool. April will involve Planting.	Gather on April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 21, September 25, October 23.
Great American Cleanup	May 15 , 8:30 Swinney Park pool area. Gloves, shirts and trash bags will be provided.	Gather May 15
Hat Box Luncheon	Scheduled for Memorial Park , May 13 at noon. Proceeds will be used for Swinney and Memorial Parks. Tickets are \$50.	Mary Modezjewski has ticket information
SWAP	April 21, 7:00 pm Study Elementary on Brooklyn	
Neighborhood Plan	Copies on Table	
Memorial Celebration of the life of West Central resident Paul Provost.	Castle Gallery, Wayne at College, 5:00 pm Friday April 23.	Call Jody Smith for more info.
Bike at Nite	Fliers on Table	

Summer Playground information and Lifetime Sports Academy information	Fliers on Table	
New Business		
Newsletter	Kudos to Sharon Callendar aka auntsheeshee for a beautiful job and to Post and Mail in Columbia City for the job they delivered. Newsletters are in distribution. We saved over \$100 on the newsletter by using a different printer. The printer is willing to quote tour brochures, tickets etc. We may be able to reduce quantity on the newsletter. Get accurate count from deliverers.	e-mail thanks and kudos to Sharon at <a href="mailto:auntsheeshee@yahoo.com">auntsheeshee@yahoo.com</a> . Get quotes on other jobs to compare.
Membership	Cherie Stark brought up an idea presented to the board by Jeff Hoepfner. He proposed that the membership of the association be designated as all residents and owners of property in West Central. Then there would be a separate class of dues-paying members who are voting members of the association.	Discuss in June
Traffic on Jefferson	Judy Cole reported on her discussions with our city council representatives and city traffic planners about speeding on Jefferson between the Homestead and College. The city is studying traffic calming. Judy wants additional traffic lights. So far the city seems to prefer rumble strips which Judy does not want because of the noise. Carol Salge noted that the neighborhood plan addresses this issue and we need to approve the plan before we address this issue.	Continue monitoring.
Garage Sale	Neighborhood Sale to be scheduled in June, Patrice Hunsberger will help get this together and announce the date at our May meeting.	Continue
Adjournment	Jack Stark Moved, seconded by everyone	