WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES

February 16, 2004

Treasurer's Report: Membership: Attendance: 20

Checking (Tower): \$583.66 Start Time: 7:05 Individual: 19 Money Market (Tower): \$9230.06 Family: 10 End Time: 8:26 **Business: 2**

Edward Jones: 22,261.18

Escrow: 10,000.00

Total: \$32,074.90 + \$10,000.00 escrow 31

Items	Discussion	Follow-up Needed
Old Business		
Treasury	Jon Garzelone has requested payment of \$194.35 for 12 months web site maintenance and name registry.	Approved. Treasurer to pay.
Neighborhood Plan	The plan will be presented to the Executive Committee on Monday, February 23 at 7:00 at the Ministry building. The hearing will take place at our regular meeting in April. The sessions are for questions and answers, not for changes to the plan. We must accept or reject the plan as a whole.	Notices to be sent as approved in March.
Street Lights.	Jill reported that bids for the lights on Washington will probably be let in May for a September completion. We need to look at the blocks between Van Buren and Broadway. The lights on those blocks are a different style from our old lights and from the city's downtown lights. We should consider doing something about this awkward transition involving three styles of lighting.	Jill to look at possible solutions.
Brick Street Workshop	Work is moving along on the workshop scheduled for May 7. The city is going to take up some bricks from Maiden Lane on Thursday, May 6 so that there will be an area to work on during the workshop. Help will be needed on the 6 th to clean and stack the bricks taken up. Cleaning and stacking the bricks at Franke Park has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 7.	Jill to schedule time and let volunteers know.
CEDIT	The following projects were suggested for CEDIT funding for 2005. 1. The alley between College and Nelson and Washington and Jefferson. 2. Curbing in the 1300 block of Rockhill 3. Funding for the study of a footbridge linking East and West Swinney park. 4. Repairs and replacements, benches etc., for the Broadway streetscape. 5. Curbing along Lavina from Van Buren to Rockhill. (800-1100 blocks) 6. Curb and sidewalk repairs in the 900 block of Berry.	Jeff to submit our projects to our council reps. Check and make sure the Broadway streetscape repairs are not already scheduled for this year by Councilman Pape

CCC	John Dwyer requested a budget of \$100 for CCW office expenses and as seed money for registrations in the training class.	Passed. Clip Boards may be purchased and future registrations funded.
CCW Cont.	John reported that the Security Department of St Joe Hospital is becoming active in CCW. The chief of Hospital Security, John Colemeyer, is attending CCW. Also Steve Cross has joined. There is no numbering requirement for alleys in the city ordinance book. Al Arnold has found letters that would work for our purpose at \$.50 each from Do-It-Best on State Blvd.	CCW to talk to our Councilmen about an ordinance concerning numbering in alleys.
CCW Cont	Crime Stopper signs are in place on Phenie and Taylor and on College near Jefferson. The neighborhood will also get four CCW signs and these will be placed on Swinney at the Credit Union, on Fairfield near the curve at the Woodshack, on Broadway and on Main near the Lombard Bridge. These was also discussion about sending letters to landlords about dangerous properties and problem tenants. Judy Cole mentioned that we might be able to borrow a radar gun to check speeds around the Curve at Swinney Homestead.	Al to continue working with the city on sign placement. Judy Cole to contact John Dwyer with information so he can follow up on radar gun.
House and Garden Tour	Norma Hoeppner reported that this year's dates are September 11 and 12. The tour will feature Lewellyn House. Norma needs help. Call her to volunteer.	Monthly meetings to start.
Newsletter	Deadline is March 17. Articles can be e-mailed to Jill or to Sharon Callendar, who has volunteered to edit the newsletter, at auntsheeshee@yahoo.com.	continue
Swinney Park Committee	Letters have been mailed and volunteers are being recruited for regular work days at Swinney. These will take place on the Saturdays following the WCNA Meeting, starting with April 24. Larry Walters will design our projects. Dates will also be posted to the web site.	Committee to get schedule to John for the web site.
Swinney Park cont.	Mary Modejewski attended a Friends of the Parks planning meeting with Julie Dunnell. The group is planning a "Hat Box Luncheon" on May 13. This is modeled on a similar and very successful event in Pittsburgh. The group was thinking of using Swinney but the park lacks necessary amenities. Memorial Park will be the location.	Mary to keep us informed of plans.
Swinney Park cont.	Nancy Hamlin reported that our committee is looking for some sort of annual even to highlight Swinney Park. A tree and garden tour has been suggested. A Frisbee golf tournament was suggested.	Nancy will keep us informed as ideas develop.
Swinney Park cont.	Jack Stark presented a proposal from gai Consultants for an engineering study of the footbridge proposed between East and West Swinney. The cost of the study would be \$10950. Jack also noted that a pond and pavilions are also under consideration.	Jack and Jill to pursue outside funding for the study.

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Announcements	The Comprehensive Plan will be presented by FW Parks Department on March 1 at Franke Park Pavilion 1.	Jack Stark will represent WCNA
Announcements cont.	 SWAP meeting on Wednesday, Feb 18, will feature Mayor Richard speaking on the quality of life in Fort Wayne. Joanne Bruce noted there was an excellent article on the street lights in the January 29 News Sentinal. New Councilman-at-Large, John Shoaff will speak briefly at our March meeting and will answer questions. 	
New Business		
Advertising	Brian Stockman proposed that we look at the possibility of offering a free business card in every newsletter to our business members. Most felt that this was a good idea. Dues structure needs to be reviewed.	Cont.
By-laws	Jack Stark has put the by-laws on a disc and the Executive Committee will begin to review these.	Executive Committee will each copy the disc so that they can share work on the by-laws.
Door prizes	Judy Cole proposed that we have door prizes at regular meetings and that we publicize these in the newsletter and offer contributors a free ad in the newsletter.	Judy Cole to take charge and report back.
Sidewalks	John Dwyer recommended that we contact our City Council reps to urge them to enforce the ordinance about salting and clearing sidewalks after snowstorms.	
Theime Drive	There in a washout area on Theime Drive that needs to be addressed. Jack Stark reported that City Engineering is working on this.	
Weeds	There was discussion about what to do about weeds at business locations in the neighborhood. City code will not enforce the weed ordinance against businesses. Natural and chemical solutions were discussed. We need owners permission to do anything.	Cont.
Speeding	Speeding on Jefferson and Washington in the park area was discussed. Could the park speed limit be enforced there?	Check on speed limit restrictions.
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