

WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2004

Treasurer's Report:

Checking (Tower): \$425.64
 Money Market (Tower): \$11,725.64
 Edward Jones: \$22,261.18
 Escrow:
 Total: \$34,412.46

Membership:

Individual: 16
 Family: 7
 Business: 2
 Total: 25

Attendance: 19

Start Time: 7:02
 End Time: 8:00

Items	Discussion	Follow-up Needed
Old Business		
Neighborhood Plan	Carol Salge reported that the committee has delivered the plan to the city. The final step will be an Executive Committee review in about 10 days. The Committee would like to have a required public hearing at our Meeting March 15. Carol proposed that we send postcards to all residents (2600) at a cost of approximately \$510 plus the cost of the cards and printing. Motion to send cards passed	Jill to check if city will share cost. Notify city of hearing date so that notice can be published in newspapers.
Newsletter	Sharon Callendar has volunteered to edit the Newsletter. Deadline for the first newsletter in March 17. Articles can be e-mailed to Jill.	Newsletter files to Jill. Reminder of date in February.
CCW	Al Arnold reported that we can have two Crime Stopper signs placed in the neighborhood. He suggested locations at Finney and Taylor and Lavina and College because these are in the highest crime areas. We can also get Concerned Citizens Watch signs. Locations along Main, Jefferson, Washington and Broadway were suggested. Moved and passed that CCW Committee can use their discretion in sign placement.	Get city approval for placements as suggested by Al and John Dwyer.
CCW cont.	Our liaison officer Liza Thomas attended the last CCW meeting. She is going to report to the committee on current crime stats for the area. The committee discussed the current city ordinance concerning numbering on garages facing the alleys. CCW would like to facilitate the placement of these numbers in our area. John and Al will check on costs and present plans at our next meeting.	Continue in February
Street Lights	Street lights are up and operating on Jefferson. The overhead lights have now been removed. We have approximately a dozen heavy canvas banners which can be placed elsewhere. Locations need to be decided. Currently the banners are in Hoepfner's Van	Decide on locations and find out costs for rehangng banners.

Swinney Park Committee	Jeff would like to see us move aggressively forward on plans for a footbridge and pavilion. Jack Stark is looking into financial help for the placement of a footbridge. Mary Modejewski noted that many activities have been proposed to raise funds and to call attention to the park. These include an ice cream social, a neighborhood block party in the park, and activities featuring the ball diamonds and the tennis courts.	Jack Stark will continue to pursue funding. Committee to present plans as needed
EIC	Al Arnold Reported that the city is doing outreach to inform residents of the Earned Income Tax Credits available for low-income residents. Tax help is available in our neighborhood at the Benito Juarez Center.	Continue to spread the word
Tim Pape Meeting	Reassessments are available on line. Older homes may qualify for tax credits	Contact Council reps and Legislators to urge credits for older homes.
501c3	Jill Downs reported that she has met with Randy Spencer at Miller, Carson, Boxberger and Murphy. Randy is advising us as necessary on the paperwork needed to get 501c3 status for the neighborhood. This will require a separate organization complete with officers and by-laws.	Jill will continue
Endangered Buildings	Jill reported on the status of several endangered buildings in the neighborhood. Bridgestone commercial building on Jefferson. Jill cannot get calls returned. Broadway Buildings owned by St. John's. St. John's has no firm plans yet but they have shown the former Mark's Appliance building to the Interfaith Hospitality Network as a possible rental. West Central could help with repair and rehab through CBDO if this moves forward. 1336 W Washington The city is doing a title search and will send a letter to the owner outlining the options (demolish, donate, or receivership). West Central could acquire the property through donation or receivership.	Jill to continue follow-up
New Business		
CEDIT	Jeff noted that the deadline for 2005 CEDIT funding proposals is March 15. We can propose three infrastructure items in both the 4 th and 5 th Council Districts. Footbridge for Swinney and Brick Street repair were proposed	List to be finalized in February
Brick Street Workshop	The Brick Street Workshop will be on Friday May 7. The day will start with a one hour lecture at the Community Center on Main followed by a hands-on workshop on Maiden Lane. Jill is looking for sponsorship help. The city will be donating both time and materials. Jill will invite other neighborhoods which have brick streets to participate. Sign-up sheets were passed for help on the day of the workshop.	Continue planning and gathering volunteers.
Salvaged Bricks	Help is needed to clean and stack the salvaged bricks we have piled at Franke Park	Workday to be scheduled.

Broadway	John Dwyer noted that the Broadway Streetscape is a mess. Particular problems include weeds and damaged benches. The area is not being maintained well by the city or by the business owners. Businesses cannot be fined for weeds and Neighborhood Code does not cite businesses or the city for weeds.	Continue
Abandoned Cars	Abandoned cars have become a problem in several areas of the neighborhood. Apparently, when owners are cited for an abandoned car on the street, they just have to roll the car to a new location to satisfy the citation. We discussed the need to make this ordinance more difficult to circumvent for cars left on the street.	Contact Councilmen Pape and Hayhurst about toughening the ordinance.
Adjournment		