

# WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES

## MONDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2004

PRESIDENT JEFF HOEPPNER PRESIDING

Treasurer's Report:

Checking (Tower): \$7244.57  
 Money Market (Tower ): \$232.77  
 Edward Jones: \$11,043.82  
 Escrow: \$10,000.00  
 Total: \$28,521.16

Membership: 70

Individual:  
 Family:  
 Business:

Attendance: 37

Start Time: 7:05  
 End Time: 8:40

Items	Discussion	Follow-up Needed
Minutes	On tables	
Treasurers Report	Accepted	
Membership	70 total members, four new members will be credited for calendar year 2005.	
Old Business		
Fundraising	Barbara Codding reported that West Central will be selling poinsettias for the holidays. Everyone is encouraged to get coupons for these plants. Coupons are to be exchanged for your choice of plants at Sandpoint Greenhouses. The cost of coupons is less than the regular retail price and WCNA makes a profit on each plant sold.	Kudos to Alice Goodland and Barb for coming up with and managing this fundraiser.
CCW	Barbara Codding reported that Indiana residents will be able to get a free credit report from all three reporting agencies after March 1 of 2005. See details at CCWfortwayne. This will help residents to insure themselves against identity theft which has become a major crime problem.	More details of this program to come in 2005.
Bridge Study	Mary Modezjewski reported that the bridge study has been progressing well. 60% of the cost has been paid by our bridge loan from Wells Fargo. When the study is complete, our grant for the study will repay the bridge loan. The Cultural Landscape report for Swinney and the WCNA plan both recommended the replacement of the missing pedestrian bridge between east and west Swinney.	Report to follow in the new year.
Tree Canopy Replacement	The November 6 planting date had to be postponed. There was no driver for the truck. Fifty trees were planted during the following week. Judy Coles asked why the trees couldn't be placed in the West Central park strips. Street trees are planted through a different program.	
Betty Brite Property	Jill Downs has been trying to contact the party who wants to use the Betty Brite Property and some residential property on Fulton for a car wash. Apparently the plan is on hold due to zoning complications.	Jill will monitor
Local Historic District Expansion	Jill Downs is getting the list together for an attempt to expand the Local Historic District south to the railroad tracks and east to Ewing. People have voiced concerns that they will be forced to paint their houses certain colors. There are 82 colors that are approved by the HPRB.	Contact Jill to help gather signatures.

Announcements	Judy Coles has some Craftsman porch rails available if anyone is interested.	Contact Judy
Taxes	Mike Peden raised the issue of the affect of the reassessment on taxes in West Central. Taxes nearly doubled on many properties and it makes it hard to get the rent needed to cover the new taxes. Many rentals are empty or are being rented to substandard renters. Historic Landmarks of Indiana is looking into a legislative solution to the problem. Larry Coddling noted that the economy is responsible for many vacancies. People do not have the income .	Possible program with the assessors in 2005.
Endangered Buildings	Harold Carburator at 920 on the West side of Broadway is for sale for a reported \$85,000. Its actually a one story and a two story building. The one story might make a good office and meeting site for WCNA and the other part could be made into loft artist spaces or used commercially. Heather Presley is looking into whether we could secure funds from a CBDO grant to purchase. There is still a working carriage lift in the building.	Jill to follow up
Street Lights	Washington is lit on the north side and the project should be complete soon.	
House Tour	We will have our bids in for sponsorships by the end of the year. Norma Hoepfner and Jill are looking for houses for the next tour even as the final business for this year's tour is winding down.	
New Business		
Elections	The slate of officers for 2005 was presented. The Nominees are: President: Larry Coddling Vice President: Mike Walsh Secretary: Barabar Coddling Treasurer: Mary Modezjewski Membership: Mary Radawski Additional Nominations were called for. There being no further nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and the slate unanimously accepted.	
Christmas Party	Castle Gallery has offered to host the Christmas Party on Dec 20 at 7:00 pm. The following people volunteered to form a committee and plan the party: Cindy Husar, Carol Salge, Norma Hoepfner, Ann Herman and Jack Stark.	Everyone come and enjoy.
Neighborhood Plan	Russ Garrott from the City Planning Department discussed how the current revision of the Neighborhood Plan came into being. Two years of effort went into the plan which is really an update of the first WCNA plan written in 1980. The neighborhood was invited by mailing to help identify our goals and concerns. A door hanger was distributed and collected to get further ideas. After a further public presentation and changes based on the in put from that meeting, the final plan was presented for approval and in this form the goals and policies have been adopted by City Council as part of the City's plan.	

<p>Neighborhood Plan Continued</p>	<p>Russ noted that the plan is not written in stone and changes can be looked at particularly as to the action steps.          Judy Coles suggested we form a new committee to write the neighborhood plan.          Russ noted that we have a plan and the neighborhood has adopted the plan.          Judy suggested that people did not know what they were signing.          Carol Salge noted the plan was available for study by any interested party and public meetings were held to allow anyone interested to make comments and suggestions.          Russ stated that the action steps are designed to be flexible.          Judy wanted to know why she couldn't be on the committee.          The committee was chosen at a WCNA meeting.          Judy confronted Cindy Husar at a concert at the Munchie demanding to be on the committee. The group had already been chosen and this was not the proper venue.          One phrase from the plan sums up the core value expressed in every section of the plan, "Enhance the Residential Quality of the Neighborhood".</p>	
<p>Truck Ordinance</p>	<p>Ken Nicollet reported that there will be a City Council hearing on the truck ordinance at 4pm tomorrow. The current ordinance was considered unenforceable.</p>	<p>Jill, Judy Carol Beals to attend.</p>
<p>Adjournment 8:40</p>		