

WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2004

PRESIDENT JEFF HOEPPNER PRESIDING

Treasurer's Report:

Checking (Tower): \$10,700.68
 Money Market (Tower): \$232.71
 Edward Jones: \$11,022.92
 Escrow: \$10,000.00
 Total: \$31,956.31

Membership:

Individual: 39
 Family: 23
 Business: 7

Attendance: 39

Start Time: 7:04
 End Time: 8:17

Items	Discussion	Follow-up Needed
Information Session about the possibility of expanding the local historic district	Jill explained that postcards had been sent to all property owners of record in the Wilt and Lavina area asking them to attend informational meetings about the possibility of expanding the West Central Local Historic District. This meeting and two others are scheduled to answer residents' questions. The other sessions are Sept 27 at 9:00 am at the Omni room at city county and October 6 at 7:00 pm at the Ministry. Jill explained that while the National Registry is largely honorary the Local District guides the process of renovation. Homeowners in a district must obtain a certificate of appropriateness from HPRB to approve any significant alterations to the exterior of a property. Approvals are free and some like paint colors etc. can be approved without a hearing. 90% of all such requests are approved. Jill pointed out that property values tend to rise faster in an historic district. Alterations made prior to the establishment of a district do not have to be changed when a district is implemented.	Continue to supply information to the property owners in the affected area and begin to circulate petitions for approval.
Old Business		
House and Garden Tour	The weather was great for tour . Attendance was about 1500 which is down from prior years. Expenses in the amount of \$5630.61. Not all income has been received. To date there is income in the amount of \$8,813.00.	Final accounting to be ready by the October meeting.
Fundraising Committee	No significant progress as they were busy with tour and Alice is out of town. They are reviewing our comments on the suggestions they passed out. They hope to report back on ideas in October.	Call for report in October.
CCW	Barbara Codding reported that a workshop on reducing Domestic and Community Violence on October 4, will be attended by several members and more are welcome. Domestic violence accounts for more calls to the police than any other incident. Members brought to the associations' attention the problems residents in the area of Nelson and Stophlet are experiencing with a newspaper drop-off point.	Call Barb for details and join them if you can. Monitor and document.
Announcements	Mary Modezjewski announced another work date at Swinney this Saturday the 25 th . She asked for funding to buy pizza for the volunteers, especially the kids from Juvenile Justice who have been helping.	Moved Seconded passed \$100 be appropriated for Mary to carry out this event.

Tree Canopy Comeback	Swinney will get approximately 50 trees this year. Volunteers should meet by the pool house at 8 am November 6 for coffee and donuts. Work should be concluded by noon.	All volunteers welcome. Bring gloves, rakes, shovels.
Greenway	Wed. Sept 22 the Mayor's conference on the Greenway will be held in Franke Park Pavillion #1 at 6:30 pm.	Attend if possible.
Dumpster	There will be a dumpster at the City Parking lot on Wilt for bulky trash. Dumpster is available Sat. Oct October 9. No tires, appliances, toxic waste etc. Dumpster is in place 8-12 am.	Clean up all the bulky stuff.
New Business		
Crime Report	Judy Cole reported that there is a suspected drug house near on Nelson south of the alley. Recently while the cops were taking a report on an accident in front of Judy's, the victim of a mugging and drug deal gone bad arrived on the scene. Moody is being used for drug dealing and we need to take steps to help the police shut down this house and the action in our park.	Be vigilant. Log and report suspicious activity.
Tour Booklet	Norma recommended a pat on the Back to Mary Modezjewski and Patrice Hunsburger. With lots of material and help from Darrel Tillford and Helen Pyles, they created a retrospective booklet about the first 25 years of tour. The project was carried out with no financial help from the association. Most of the initial printing was sold during the tour.	Kudos to all involved.
River Greenway	Jack Stark is serving as a volunteer River Greenway Coordinator. The mayor had proposed funding a coordinator in the last city budget but this did not pass. The job which involves zoning, law, engineering, fund-raising and diplomacy needs to be funded and implemented.	Moved, seconded passed that a letter be drafted to the city recommending that a Coordinator be funded and hired.
Brick walkways	Joanne Bruce showed an article from the Sept 9 paper talking about brick sidewalks downtown. She wondered why we can do this sort of thing when we can't protect and repair our brick streets. Jill noted that the bricks are probably not the same as pavers. Jill is working with the Bloomingdale and Spy Run neighborhoods to strengthen our ability to fight improper repairs on the brick streets.	Continue the battle.
Nametags	Barb Coddling suggested that we have nametags again.	Tags will be found and used.
Neighborhood Plan	Carol reported that City Council needs to hear support for including the goals and policies from the WCNA Neighborhood Plan in the city's overall plan.	Write letters.
Endangered Properties	Jill reported that a buyer was interested in putting a carwash in the old Betty Brite area. Economic Development suggested to the buyer that he contact our association. There is a consensus against such a use for this property. This could also involved tearing down 3 residential properties on Fulton.	Jill to contact the prospective buyer and invite him to meet with the WCNA.

TRF Retreat	Rod Collier, Cherie Stark and Sharon Knuth presented our case for returning the TRF Parade to Wayne Street from Thieme to Van Buren. They report disinterested, cold reception of their ideas.	Keep on making the case with the TRF people and the city.
Nominating Committee	Jack Stark, Cindy Husar and Kevin Watson will serve as the nominating committee for next years officers.	
Preservation Workshop	Jill will be attending the National Preservation Conference to gather information for WCNA.	Moved, seconded, passed Jill will be paid regular salary for the week she is gone.
Adjourned	By consensus.	