

Minutes from 3/25/09

Meeting was held at Alex Tucker's house on Terrace. First order of business-introductions of the new board. Second order of business approval of the February minutes; motioned and seconded. Attendees: Alex Tucker, Ellen Alderman, Pat Penton, Greta Corona, Anna Hanks, Ray Mack, Paul Miller, Rosary Beck, Sarah Butler, Gail Cooper, Jon Emerson, Frank Farmer, Willie Fontenot, Steve Ketcham.

1) Security is what we spend the most money on. Ray Mack has stepped down as head of security committee. Ellen Alderman has volunteered to head up this committee. All agreed the key for success of the security committee is to get more people involved. Could police do their paperwork in different areas of the neighborhood? Approximately 307 households pay, out of a total of 816 houses.

Security campaign – a) Porch light campaign - get all neighbors to turn on porch lights at night. Could Government Street Hardware sell us energy efficient lights at a discount? b) Yard signs for neighbors who pay their dues. c) install cameras? d) remind people they can pay their dues with pay pal on our web site. e) Telephone books for residents. All of board to help with this perhaps when we meet residents to get their information we can ask them about paying security dues?

2) Beautification committee – important to keep things looking nice. Government street entrance needs work. Could neighbors adopt a median? Jon Emerson, Ray Mack, Rosary Beck, and Alex Tucker have signed up for this task.

3) Membership/Welcoming committee – Welcome packets to new neighbors.

4) Communication committee – new committee headed up by Gail Cooper. Sell the civic association. Newsletter what do residents want from Civic Association? Willie Fontenot has volunteered to help in this matter.

5) Social Events – suggest all board members attend if at all possible. We have Easter egg hunt, ice cream social, fall picnic. Christmas caroling and lighting contest is separate.

Tour of Homes – while this is a rewarding endeavor it is a lot of work. Jon is going to ask Hill Top for some hints/help.

6) Park Blvd. Rezoning – We need to watch this. Some homes on Park are zoned for multi-family homes. Which means someone could tear down a house and build multi-family homes. There is a house on Park they are selling for the land value.

7) Newsletter – Try to get more personal interest stories. It comes out quarterly, Sell more ads. Rebecca Tucker and Pat Penton to work selling more ads. Problem in the past has been people paying for the ads, all agreed they should be paid in advance.

8) Tee Shirts – Agreed this could be a fund raiser. Ellen has prices from three companies for tee shirts. Mock up coming at next meeting. Could board members wear them when we are canvassing the neighborhood trying to get residents to pay their security patrol?

9) Allied Waste Issue – Anna Hanks is working on this issue as well as Mike Schexnayder. Willie has given Anna some hints in dealing with Allied.

10) Bylaws – Make them clearer. Post them on the website. Willie Fontenot, Alex Tucker and Greta Corona to work on this project.

11) Dilapidated property – City has looked at that house on Terrace right behind the vet's office. It is an estate property and the owner has two weeks to make progress or the condemnation process will begin. City did board up the house.

Next meeting – 5/27/09 at Ellen's house. 1023 Park Blvd. at 6:20