

Third Ward Neighborhood Association
Monthly Steering Committee Meeting
8-10-06, YMCA, 7:00 PM

Steering Committee attendance: Curtis Goodson, Sue Kayser, Dewayne Severson, Stan Carpenter, Jim Massey, Maria Henly, Carlyn Conway, Mary Mickel, Terri Stanley, John Hibbard, Bob Schwartz.

Neighbors and guests: Lt. Randy Fahrenkrog, ECPD, Sue Felber

Chair Curtis G. called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM, and introduced Lt. Fahrenkrog of the ECPD. He has assumed responsibility for the central district and wanted to simply introduce himself and respond to any concerns or questions the neighborhood has at this time. He discussed current police operations including the "Party Squads" that generally work (overtime) weekends to deal with various issues related to parties and alcoholic related behaviors. He also described the "Beef Board" that contains issues particular to a given area/neighborhood that is reviewed by officers prior to their shift. Recently vandalism has been a problem in the area. John H. asked if the University Police worked in conjunction with the ECPD. Lt. F. indicated that they generally only work together if asked, or during special events, such as homecoming. He then went on to describe the change the department made with respect to homecoming two years ago. The proactive enforcement approach resulted in over 600 citations during homecoming. The committee members approved of the policy, and noted that the impact of those citations helped improve the quality of life in the neighborhoods. Sue K. asked if there were any specific plans to address the students regarding alcohol at the beginning of the school year. Lt. F. indicated that the Party Squads were currently the primary means intended to address the beginning of the academic year.

Sue Felber informed the committee that the owner of 1803 State St. had been contacted regarding the furniture littering the front yard, as well as trash and a dead animal in the back yard. The health department has been notified, and the inspections department at the city will also be contacted. A "Safe House Committee" established to deal with situations like this might also be contacted.

Curtis G. indicated that Garry & Beth Sherwood had sold their home and moved to Hallie.

The minutes of 7-13-06 were approved.

Treasurer Maria H. stated that the account had \$1,308.75, and that she had recently submitted invoices to Pat Ivory for reimbursement.

The annual meeting was set for 9-21-06 at the library in the Eau Claire Room.

The plans for the neighborhood picnic, scheduled for Sunday, 10-1-06, were discussed. Two bands, root beer, tables, and tent have been lined up. Grills still need to be lined up.

Curtis G. indicated that he was making a donation to the event. The event will be cancelled in the event of rain/bad weather.

The newsletter committee passed out articles for proofreading and discussed the articles still pending.

Stan C. reported that the Bridge Coalition was developing a survey to learn about perceptions in the neighborhoods regarding the students and alcohol-related behaviors. The cost of the survey was not covered in the grant awarded the university, and sources of possible funding was discussed.

The Blues Festival is planned for 9-16-06 in Owen Park.

Sue Kayser indicated that the city inspections department has indicated that the work has been completed at 1205 Graham St. There was some skepticism on the part of the committee, based on the lack of work observed at the property by various members over the last few months. Various options for determining the validity of the sign off were discussed.

A motion by Terri S. to draft a letter opposing the expansion of the rooming house at 902 S. Barstow was approved.

A motion by John H. to obtain a list of rooming houses in the neighborhood was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.
Respectfully submitted by Stan C.