

**Third Ward Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2006**

Ten Steering Committee members present: Kathy Buchholz, Stan Carpenter, Carlyn Conway, Laurie Forcier, Rick Kayser, Sue Kayser, Jim Massey, Mary Mickel, Bob Schwartz, and Dewayne Severson.

Sixteen others in attendance: Kathy Attermeier, Jeremy Gragert, Mary Jurmain, Sue Nelson, Skip Soper, Sue Felber, Mary Weil, Brian Larson, Harriet Allen, Marie Past, Susan Miller, Lynn Massey, Margaret Becher, Catherine Sinkewicz, Tom Sinkewicz, and City Council member Brandon Buchanan.

In the absence of Chairman Curtis Goodson, Vice Chairman Stan Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M at L.E. Phillips Memorial Library. Although short a quorum, Stan led the following activities:

1. Distributed minutes of the 2005 annual meeting.
2. Reported \$1,308.75 in our treasury
3. Read a "Year in Review" statement prepared by Chairman Goodson and copies were made available. A copy of the statement is attached.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. A statement defining "cause" as the word is intended to be understood in our bylaws was requested by a vote of the 2005 annual meeting. Stan distributed a statement defining "cause" which John Hibbard prepared for the Bylaws Committee. No questions were raised and no discussion held.

4. Stan addressed a request from the 2005 annual meeting that we investigate the possibility of closing Putnam drive to vehicles other than handicapped or emergency vehicles. The Steering Committee discussed this issue and determined not to act on closing the drive.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HERITAGE DAY: Dewayne Severson reported on the success of our first Heritage Day and outlined plans to continue and expand the event.

Dewayne also proposed that the TWNA host occasional social events for new members of the neighborhood. Cheese and wine events in private homes was one possibility suggested. New Third Ward member Mary Wile volunteered to work with others on plans for welcoming new people to the neighborhood.

FUND RAISING: Bob Schwartz reported that we earned \$133 selling pies at the Blues Festival and expressed gratitude to those who put together this really fine event.

PARKS: Kappus Park: Bob Schwartz indicated that part of Kappus Park was mowed at times this summer by the city. Bob will explore the mowing issue with the city to determine their intentions in the future.

Demmler Park: This winter's skating parties were a success. They are vulnerable to the weather, however, and thus we will continue to schedule heavily, anticipating cancelled dates.

Demmler Park: This is also the site of our October 1 neighborhood picnic. Third Ward fall picnics were once an annual event which the Parks Committee is hoping to revive.

Putnam Drive Park: Brian Larson asked why the Steering Committee had not pursued the closing of Putnam Drive in Putnam Park. Those reasons follow:

A. The drive itself is the last control/hold the city has on Putnam Park. It was feared that closing the drive would take away any last voice the city has in the use of Putnam Drive.

B. How the drive would be monitored to enforce "handicapped vehicles only" was seen as a big problem.

C. Older citizens, while they do not qualify for handicap status, might be unable to enjoy Putnam Drive except in an automobile.

D. Some handicapped citizens do not have access to a handicapped authorized vehicle.

COMMUNICATIONS: Since our last annual meeting the Newsletter Committee and the Website Committee have been merged into one Communications Committee headed by the chairperson of the TWNA.

The issue of political ads in our newsletter was raised and discussed. Sue Miller provided information from Pat Ivory's office at City Hall indicating that accepting political contributions/ads would violate the conditions of our Block Grant which, while administered by the city, is federally funded.

A QUORUM HAVING BEEN ESTABLISHED, THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS ALLOWED. Moved by Dewayne Severson that the TWNA disallow partisan and non-partisan paid political ads and religious ads in our neighborhood newsletter. Seconded by Brian Larson and passed.

TREES: Kathy Attermeier reported on meetings with the city forester, who is very supportive of saving trees when streets are repaved.

The city will be doing some replanting and underplanting in anticipation of the ash bore. Presently forty percent of our urban forest is ash.

The selection of trees for planting under power lines is being studied.

Laurie Forcier suggested that coordinating with the university regarding tree replacement on some neighborhood streets be considered.

SELECTION OF 2006-07 STEERING COMMITTEE: The following slate of Steering Committee members was unanimously accepted.

Zone 1: Dewayne Severson and Stan Carpenter

Zone 2: Rick Kayser and Sue Kayser

Zone 3: Harriet Allen and Laurie Forcier

Zone 4: Catherine Sinkewicz and Jeremy Gragert

Zone 5: Carlyn Conway and Susan Miller

Zone 6: Bob Schwartz and Ken Fulgione

Zone 7: Kathy Buchholz and Skip Soper

Zone 8: Maria Henly and James Massey

Stan Carpenter presented information on the Neighborhood Walk, an attempt to raise awareness about alcohol and behavior, which is scheduled for Friday night, September 22.

Mary Jurmain spoke briefly about the planned remodeling and expansion of the library. Fundraising is underway to raise 3.2 million dollars for the project. For more information check "A Gift for Generations" on the library web site.

Sue Miller asked that we pay attention to the courthouse and jail expansion issue as plans are not final yet.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 P.M.

Mary Mickel, Acting Secretary