

September 25, 2012 Joanne's Park NHA Meeting

Board Members Role Call:

- Mike (p)
- Shawn (p)
- Julie (ex)
- Amanda (p)
- Jean (p)
- Richard (ex)
- Anita (ex)
- Sara (u)

Motion to accept minutes (motion by: Amanda 2nd: Joy)

- Motion accepted

Treasurer's Report

- Balance \$274.43 (9/1), message from city with check for \$1,000 operational grant.
 - \$1000 grant deposited
- Bank snuck in a \$25 fee
 - Mike questioned bank, bank employee found out that the fee was a one time promotion, fee will be a part of our monthly statement
- Current Balance: \$1249.43
- Motion to accept current balance: Mike, 2nd by Shawn
 - passed

President's Report

- Thank you to Jean, Shawn, and Bob for their hard work to help us earn the \$1,000 grant!
- We will be planning over the winter for summer activities

Committee chairs

- Fundraising: no news to report
- Newsletter: looking for a chair for this position
 - If anybody is interested in participation, meet with Mike
 - Newsletter usually has an entire committee
 - Crucial to stay involved with community
 - Helps with fundraising

GBPD/CSI update

- Damage to property/disturbances/with weapons were down recently – based on calls in to the department (not every call results in arrests)
- End of school day: 2:45-3:30 is one group that is monitored daily
 - When school is out – kids from out of the area migrate to the park
 - Police try to keep track of kids who are given no trespass to park
- Saturday from 11-4 there will be an event at the skate park – music (won't be that loud)
 - We have the opportunity to participate – we can volunteer to sell popcorn in the name of the Joanne's Park NH
 - Arrive at 10 am to set up, stay as long as we want
 - Have some literature or newsletter item (Amanda will make)

Guest speakers

- Neighborhood watch speaker will hopefully be available for next meeting

New business

- Rewrite of the bylaws for a winter activity
 - Usually takes several meetings
 - Maybe by January or February we will have our own bylaws
- We will have to start picking dates and point people for upcoming activities
 - This should be done soon because after January 1st the park shelter is open for reservations
- Events that involve food may be covered under the city's insurance; we can discuss pros and cons when we have ideas brought to the team
- We will focus on having a couple of large events and put the right amount of work into marketing, etc
- We can have smaller events if we want to, but we don't want to burn the NHA members out

Marketing Ideas

- Yard signs – a couple of signs to put in a few yards and at areas that will be visible (CP center, etc) – cost is an issue
- Suggestion to look at Vista Print for cost effective
 - Lit drops – effective way to spread the word
 - T-Shirts/sweatshirts – make for the NHA to wear at events
 - Web page – up and running through the city
 - Our own tent with a banner to bring to events – cost is an issue
 - Newsletter will be key!

Ongoing News/Projects

- Permanent pavilion in the park (LONG term goal)
 - We will need to have a very solid commitment from the NHA before the city will be willing to help build
 - Possibly have people donate small amounts to have their names on a plaque
- Permanent concessions stand with restrooms (LONG term goal)
 - Also pricy
- We can get the attention of the city by being strong and guide their focus to our area! If we show that we are strong and making an impact the city will be more willing to help us.

Open forum

- Thank you to the police force for their work in the neighborhood – things are quieting down (Doty and Baird area).

Motion to Adjourn

- Move to adjourn (Mike, 2nd – Amanda)
- Passed

Next meeting will be: 4th Tuesday of October, the 23rd, at 6:30 pm (CP Center at Joanne's Park)