

# **Joannes Park Neighborhood Association General Meeting March 26, 2013**

## **Call to Order**

### **Guest Speaker**

#### **Officer Van Handel**

- 3 sex offenders new to area
  - No new information from last meeting
  - Sex Offender Residency Board meets monthly to help monitor residency reported
- 1320 St. Claire St, burglary last week
- 305 S Irwin, working with landlord, lots of police calls, landlord/tenant problems
- 1275 Chicago, landlord tenant problems
- Nixel report showed robberies on the East side of GB – more in the Humbolt area, not in our neighborhood
- Trees being cut down on 1300 block of Doty, marked on Stuart – due to Emerald Ash Borer
- Questions
  - Any more activity with the nicer weather?
    - Police have increased the patrols in the area after school
    - Lights and sirens – fear of use of lights and sirens causes groups to scatter, individuals climb fences and area fences cannot handle the added stress
    - Lights and sirens are used in emergency situations, as needed – officer follow protocol
  - Vacant houses – keep officers informed if the now empty houses are used for inappropriate reasons

## **Roll Call**

- Board Members
- Mike Erickson
- Shawn Kassian
- Joy Haupt
- Amanda Johnson
- Nick Johnson
- Donald Terrien (exc)
- Rick Van Dreel
- (2 vacant positions)

## **Mission Statement**

### **Review and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes**

- Move to Accept
  - Motion – Amanda

- Second – Shawn
- Approved

### **Treasurer's Report**

- \$1,152 previous balance
- Expenses
  - \$350 on Sock Hop in May
  - \$145 for banner and business cards
  - Mike is down to \$106.62 at this point on these expenses, not final yet
  - \$150 for newsletter (printing and paper)

### **President's Report**

- Event sign up
  - President Erickson has signups for each of the upcoming events, spread around during meeting
  - Anybody can sign up to judge interest for upcoming events, through September
  - Last page is an open opportunity to do any activity for the Bullfrogs – their GM will join us for the next meeting – trying to join forces with the Bullfrogs for promotional events and teamwork opportunities
- Potential opportunity to hold a brat fry in the Swamp and get a portion of the revenue for the Association
  - The Bullfrogs season opens the end of May
  - Alderman DeWayne knows the announcer; may be able to get some publicity through him
- Mini Grant for the city is due on April 1<sup>st</sup> – Mike will have it done by Friday and get it to Alderman DeWayne that 3/29 so it can be submitted by Monday 4/1
- Old model of business cards handed out for members to distribute
- Food for Thought: there are upcoming events (such as Pride in the Park) that reflect our Mission Statement. These groups are a part of our community and an opportunity to join forces and reflect our Mission
  - If we do not follow the ideas outlined in our Mission we would have to rewrite the mission
- Request for more garbage cans along the road by the park – LOTS of garbage in the park area and through the park
  - During Neighborhood Walk participants are picking up arms full of garbage, especially with spring thaw

### **Committee Chairperson Report**

- Fundraising
  - Sock Hop in May, please sign up
- Newsletter
  - 3/27 the newsletter will be dropped to Mike; he will send to board members for proofing before sending to press
  - Estimates are very high; the board had thought 650 copies could be made for about \$150, estimates are in the \$350 neighborhood

- Reminder that one newsletter is required; if we have to pay more we will be able to do that for this year and fundraise for future years
  - Our mailing list adds to the 650 mailboxes in the neighborhood – we will need more than the number of residents of the neighborhood.
  - We have one advertiser for sure; possibly three others
- Marketing
  - Tri-fold brochure is being developed; looking into estimates
    - Desire to keep up the effort of distributing the letters, but don't want to waste money
    - Develop ideas to spread the word – having a newsletter available at businesses or CP center for people who actually want to read the newsletter to read
    - Great emphasis on sending people to the website; newsletter is available in color and in a format more people are growing accustomed
  - Yard signs
    - Mike ordered 4 as a donation to the association
    - \$71 for four signs – Mike saved \$36.78!
    - They will be placed strategically through the neighborhood to generate interest in the association

### **New Business**

- Possibility of posting signs advertising “Start Point” for Wednesday Walks, hang banner before Tuesday meetings
- Mike developed a Use of Fund submission form to submit when someone uses personal monies for NHA related expenses
  - Alleviate the potential of fund fraud
- Membership
  - We have a core of 8 people; if everybody can get a new member per month we can really increase our membership (in 8 months we would have everybody in the neighborhood)
  - Good goal to reach out to neighbors
- Update from the next meeting – the Meyer Park sign has been removed, waiting on spring thaw to remove the post
  - Will be replaced with a similar sign
  - Park benches are not placed in parks due to vandalism; only one park has benches in Green Bay (St. James) due to music in the park events frequently held there.
    - Could we have benches chained to the ground as other parks have picnic tables chained?

### **Next Meeting Reminder**

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 @ 6:30 pm