

North Avondale Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

May 17, 2009

Call to Order

3rd Vice President Michelle Baxter called the meeting to order at 3:21 p.m. at The Belvedere. Board members Michelle Baxter, Sulyaman Bajo, Nikki Kittrell, John Jones, Ursula Hassel, Marvin and Gerry Kraus, and Fred Fegan, and Administrator Charlene Morse were present.

Motions Made

Minutes Approval

- Motion made by Ursula Hassel to approve the November 11th General Meeting Minutes 2nd by Pauline Daly.
- Unanimously passed.

Motion: Accept Officers

- John Jones moved to accept the slate.
- All present were in favor.

Ceremonies

- Awards were given out for the 2008-2009 NANA Board.
- Officers were announced by me on the nominating committee.

Honoring the Kraus's

- Gerry Kraus said, "We must have a stable multi-cultural neighborhood and if it doesn't work in North Avondale it won't work in any other neighborhood".
- Marvin Kraus said, "The goal in North Avondale is to have an integrated residential single family neighborhood. It is important to start working on the school before the children are ready to go. Historically in North Avondale, the predominate way to maintain single family status was through zoning. The lots had to be at least 20,000 sq feet. There were 32 other cities in the neighborhood that had the same problem as North Avondale. The neighbors need to get involved with each other".
- Gerry Kraus said, "I attended a funeral recently. The eulogy was about growing up in North Avondale in the 60's. It was notable that many North Avondale residents have grown up to become great leaders in the community".

Updates

Chronic Nuisance

- Captain of District 4 is responsible for enforcing this ordinance but isn't.
- We have yet to see any change.
- Residents should voice their concerns at the general meetings.
- Ghiz/Harris motion which was about the JAG stimulus money. Second part was huge for our district. Was to help combat blight crime etc. But it was defeated. Harris, Monzel, and Jeff Berding are supportive of this.

Firehouse

- Painting of the building has begun. The firehouse will be used for smoke outs.
- Kids get to lie on the ground and see what it is like to be in a burning house.

Sunny's

- There was a robbery at Sunny's but he doesn't want this to deter his business.

VOA

- North Avondale's position was against the VOA moving in.
- There were supposed to be older more stable adults but that wasn't the case.
- It was a positive meeting but neighborhood needs to say something about overgrown weeds on property.
- There isn't a resident manager.

New Business

- None

Old Business

- none

Adjournment

- Michelle Baxter made motion to adjourn the meeting and Robert Howes 2nd it.
- Meeting adjourned around 4:00 p.m.