

North Avondale Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

March 10, 2009

Call to Order

President Frank Newbauer called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. at The North Avondale Recreation Center. Board members Michelle Baxter, John Jones, Fred Fegan, Nikki Kittrell, Pauline Daly, Ursula Hassel, Marvin and Gerry Kraus, and Administrator Charlene Morse were present.

Motions Made

Minutes Approval

- Motion made by Michele to approve the Jan 11th General Meeting Minutes 2nd by Pauline Daly.
- Unanimously passed.
- Motion made by Michele Baxter to approve the Feb 10th General Meeting Minutes 2nd by Gerry Kraus.
- Unanimously passed.

Charlene makes motion: Send a letter to the CMBDU to disapprove that they are doing away with our business district.

- Motion 1st by Gerry Kraus and 2nd by Pauline Daly. Unanimously approved.

Community Center

- Tai Chi is now at the Carthage community center.
- Many programs that were at the community center have been relocated.
- Should be able to get back in May or June.

Police

- Police department is going through an accreditation program. Surveys were passed out at the meeting.
- Theft of Auto Campaign has a motto, "Keep Your Junk in the Trunk".
- A power point presentation was given.
- 41% of all thefts are auto related.
- GPS units are common targets.
- Public education flyers are being distributed.
- The flyers were handed out at the meeting.
- Police are targeting repeat offenders. Court watch has been proven to be effective.
- Officer Paul Graves surveyed the cars in the parking lot of the New School and discovered that cars had visible items such as TVs, purses, cell phones, and laptop computers. As a response to this survey the assistant principal typed up a letter to the informing the teachers.
- Some Glenn Cross properties are in great need of repair. One building was scheduled to be demolished however, someone was going to buy it and restore it. So far nothing appears to be happening with this property.

- What is up with the VOA? At times lights are on but the activity it isn't consistent.
- Gerry Kraus looked up the VOA on the auditor's office and it says that it is for the elderly. Does NANA have a method of contacting new organizations and people that come into the neighborhood? The police will check next morning to see if the property is vacant.
- There are problem apartments on Asmann Ave.
- Direct Line to Lt. Col. Vicent Demasi is: 352-3536.

Citizens on Patrol

- Dirk Partor lives on Red Bud. Citizen's On Patrol Program (COPP) is made up of neighbors.
- A citizen must complete 12 hours of training. Usually COPP volunteers go out in groups of three.
- Classes commence on the 12th
- There are currently 1500 members involved with COPP.
- What makes COPP effective is that citizens often know the neighborhood better than the officers.

Business District Update

- Amy Yosmali is following up on this but wasn't at the meeting to discuss it.
- NANA has had a clearly defined business district since 1994. City doesn't have this information however.
- See above for motion.

Invest in Neighborhoods Update & Survey

- Brought back in house (the city itself) community development cheaper than through Invest. Fred Fegan is working on the contract.
- Tried to make it retroactive until January.
- Gerry Kraus was at The Vibrant Neighborhood committee meeting. There were a bunch of questions about what was going to happen.
- NANA needs instructions for how we get vouchers after Frank signs since we get paid within two weeks.

Nominating Committee 2009-2010 Board

- Frank asked for help and people who are interested in running for a position.

Great American Clean-up

- Starts at 9:30 on April 25th look for places that need to be picked up.
- Meet at Season good to get your job assignment and a t-shirt.

Old Business

- One person said it was great getting the newsletter.

New Business

- none

Adjournment

- Frank made motion to adjourn the meeting and Charlene Morse 2nd it.
- Meeting adjourned around 8:36 p.m.