

August 13, 2009

President Lisa Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

POLICE OFFICER REPORT: Officer Boody was present. He said they had been really busy downtown with a shooting. He reported break ins on Valley View and Sunset. He also reported break ins at the Emerald Park parking lot. We were informed that the new day supervisor is Sgt. Tessing.

He told us that the substation at 201 E. Broadway had the serial number form. Lisa said she would get it and distribute at our next meeting. Officer Boody also stated that when you are involved in an incident, police officers are bound by law to complete a police report if you request one.

The police department has been getting a lot done due to some grant money that will end at the end of August. It has been really helpful with additional officers and overtime and they are hoping to get the grant again.

Officer Boode was asked about loud music and how to curtail it. He said that there is little to do unless the person is caught by an officer. He stated that we can call Captain Davis' office to request motorcycle units to work the area. His secretary, Ms. Page, will help. The number is 501-758-1234.

TREASURY REPORT: Balance as of meeting date \$425.72.

ALDERMAN REPORT: Both Alderman Gaines and Alderman Baggett were present for any questions. Alderman Gaines discussed the construction of the sound wall that will be built along I40 starting at the new Levy exit. Alderman Gaines made two points regarding this wall: there will be no city money used on the project and there will be a sound absorption material placed on the wall to diffuse the reflection of the sound.

Alderman Gaines also reported that there has been request to close Valley View to through traffic. He reported that closing this street is not feasible at this time.

Alderman Baggett suggested contacting Kroger, Hogg's meat market and the Hostess supervisor for possible donations for our block party.

COALITION REPORT: President Lisa Smith reported that the Neighborhood Coalition wanted to have a city wide yard sale on October 17th. It was noted this is the same day as Race for the Cure.

She also reported that due to communication failure, the Baring Cross neighborhood did not get to the planning commission meeting and it was requested that the meeting dates be published for others to be aware.

River City Ministry ?????

OLD BUSINESS:

Volunteer Hours

President Smith also reminded everyone to turn in their volunteer hours.

The Block party will be Saturday, September 12th, 2009 with a rain date of September 19, 2009. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Lisa Smith. More information will be posted closer to the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Lisa Smith was approached regarding the donation of 3 lots of land off of Parkview. There was much input from the residents on that street as well as all present at the meeting. Alice made a motion to accept the donation in the name of the neighborhood association, leave the land unimproved for 50 years as a wilderness area. Carol second the motion. All were in favor, none opposed.

After a successful National Night Out “porch party” it was suggested that we do these on a neighborhood level and meet residents and neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Secretary Jacklyn Powell will not be present at the September and October meetings. Sue has agreed to do the minutes for these meetings. Thank you Sue!!

It was announced that First Christian Church on Kiehl Avenue has a food pantry that is open on Friday's from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (or until food runs out).

October 27th see Mars as close as ever in recorded history.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacklyn Powell