

Whispering Heights/Collingwood Community Association
Board Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2005

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm.

Present: Ingrid Durenberger, Will Hargreaves, Stephanie Hauge, Wally Larson, Richard Reeves, Laura Warren and Jon Smith.

- Mailboxes
 - Wally reported that some mailboxes were blown up on the 4th of July. (He lost 2 of his stanchions.)
 - There have been some problems with the fit of the locking boxes. You can not get as many boxes on one stanchion if some of the boxes are locking boxes. It appears that the ones we recommended in Whispers don't fit as we expected. We need to look at what we recommend again and possibly print a correction in the next edition of the Whispers. For example, what seems to be the problem? The size? Wally will call Cathy and Mike and Cathy to follow-up on this and confirm the correct dimensions.
 - Board position: We will continue to support the (non-locking) green mailboxes, including making repairs when needed, indefinitely. We will advise on the locking mailboxes but we will not support these (purchase, install, repair). It is the owner's responsibility if they choose a locking mailbox as this may mean a total re-do of the mailbox stanchion design. We may want to recommend that owners do what Al Patterson's group did – everyone in his area went to locking boxes and they have their own stanchion design.
 - We're still waiting to receive the NEP grant funds. (Approximately \$2500.) We may choose to hire a contractor to finish the last of the work on the mailboxes with this money.

- Treasurer's Report
 - No report as Will is still behind. He'll send an update via email soon. He did read the numbers out loud.
 - Rick, who does our landscaping, still has not cashed the last couple of check so Will will call to check in with him.
 - The water at the entrances hasn't been turned on yet. We decided to go ahead and have the water turned on. Not sure how this happens. Stephanie will call Frank, who has the valve in his yard, to discuss this. Also, we need to discuss the water bill. Who is receiving it? We need to get the bill sent to us.
 - Will also raised the idea of adding sprinklers to the entrances in the future.

- Bike Parade
 - Jon reported spending \$289.15. He'll put together a write-up about the parade and make a recommendation for the 2006 budget.
 - Send Parade photos to Kim Cooney for the next newsletter.
 - Ideas for next year: right before the event, put the sandwich boards in the middle of the street near the Parade and also look into getting police control for the event.

- Egg Hunt
 - Ingrid turned in her write-up to Wally.

- Minutes
 - the June minutes were approved. (Stephanie will email Cathy the first few sentences from the June meeting.) The April and May minutes STILL need to be approved via email. Please email Cathy your approval if you haven't already.

- Communication
 - Wally met with Al and they bought 4 more radios. They've looked at a map and they know where they want to distribute them. They'll call neighbors in those areas to seek volunteers.

- Website
 - Will is behind on updating the website but he's working on it.
 - We now own whcca.org as well as whcca.com. Either one works, they're interchangeable/transparent. Whcca.org resides at a company located in Chicago.

- Articles for Whispers
 - We'll discuss articles at the August meeting.

- Garage Sale
 - It is this Saturday (July 16th) from 9-3pm. Wally and Richard have a map with the participant's marked on it although they will not be handing out maps this year to attendees. They'll take balloons to the participants to place out front of their homes. They'll also put out the sandwich reader boards for the Sale on Wednesday. About 20 families are officially participating. Wally and Richard will drive around on Saturday with extra balloons to hand out to others who decide to participate unofficially. There is an ad in the Seattle Times and in the King County Journal.

- 2005 Events
 - We decided to go ahead and hold the annual Picnic on Saturday, August 27th. There is a newsletter right before the picnic so we can include a blurb about this revamped event. Various Board members will take responsibility for the tasks. Like the Bike Parade, Jon will arrange food. Perhaps if everything is

provided and people don't have to remember to bring anything, this will increase attendance. Stephanie will be in charge of games. Laura will be in charge of prizes. (Stephanie and Laura will need to work together.) Jon will look into the bubble guy and Ingrid will look into the price of a bouncer and liability. Will will clean up dog poop right before the event. Jon has the megaphone. Did the Board purchase a small barbeque last year? If so, do Ed/Ona have it?

- Tent City
 - The Board has no official position.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.