

**Whispering Heights/Collingwood Community Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 3rd 2008**

Call to order: 7:15pm  
Adjourned: 8:50pm

Meeting location: Smith home.

Attendees: Merrick Van Dongen, Gretchan Lindsey, Jon Smith, Will Hargreaves, Laura Warren, Patt Sellen, Hua Liu, Natasha Vorley

Welcome to our new board member Hua Liu! Her email address is HuaLiu2001@yahoo.com

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**August minutes approved**

**Booking of Lewis Creek** – The facility is available. Laura will book it for November 5<sup>th</sup> 6:45-9:15

**Call for Block Captains** - Merrick talked with a block captain neighbor who is moving. She is going to try to recruit a captain for her replacement and will also ask if either prospect would like to head up the effort.

**Events Binder** – Natasha will continue to organize this via email.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> Family Picnic**

We had great weather, very low attendance. We may consider moving the event to September next year.

**Garage Sale – September 20<sup>th</sup>**

Natasha has 8 people signed up so far. People who sign up in advance will be listed on the map and get a balloon. It will be advertised on website, A-boards, Craigslist, newspapers. Redtricycle.

Natasha will talk to Keri and get the A-boards up this weekend to give people notice.

Natasha will be arranging with NW center to do pick ups in the neighborhood after the garage sale.

**Annual meeting**

Ideas for a speaker? Various ideas batted around. Identity theft sounds interesting. Patt will contact a speaker she has heard in the past.

Business agenda:

Treasures report, recap of the year, next years projects, capital improvement ideas, get ideas for other events that people would like to see.

Will Hargreaves will put an article in there about the tentative Identity theft speaker.

**Boards role in neighbor complaints**

Many people have received an unsigned letter regarding yard upkeep that people have felt has come from the board. We will put an article in the Whispers regarding our position that we don't interfere in neighbor yard complaints, instead asking neighbors to resolve themselves. The article will also ask the sender to stop sending the letters.

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#### **Inactive Board members**

Merrick heard responses from Affords and Halliday. We thank the Affords', Hallidays' and Winters' for their contributions. A thank you article will be in the Whispers.

Mike Halliday would still like to be the landscape liaison as long as we are using the same landscape company.

#### **Whispers**

Will is on a tight schedule and asks for a quick turnaround of end of day Thursday on revisions so he can get it printed by the weekend.

We also decided that we will forgo the October edition since we won't have much content.

Add a short note welcoming our new board member Hua Liu. Hua will write a little bio for our next Whispers and send to Will.

Patt requests that her development "Shaloch" be added to the header.

#### **A new neighborhood wants to join our association**

A couple of neighbors in the new development behind the Smith's house have asked if they could officially join our neighborhood Association. We think that is great and a real tribute to our wonderful community!

We ask that they:

- 1) Survey their neighborhood and see if they want to join (so as to avoid appearing to annex)
- 2) Designate someone in their neighborhood to deliver the whispers

Jon will contact Lin Sanford to let her know that a new delivery area may be added.

#### **Next Capital Improvement Project**

We hope to get some input from the community for ideas that we could present at the November meeting.

#### **Highlighting our Neighborhoods**

We are looking for ways to increase the awareness of Whispering Heights and Collingwood. Patt explained how other neighborhoods stand out and be well known by their proximity to shopping.

Ideas are: website redesign, a newspaper focus article

#### **Website Redesign**

Jon and Gretchan will go ahead with getting some new specs together and get some bids.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Gifts to previous presidents**

Wally will be at our October meeting so we can present a thank you gift to him.

#### **Host for the October meeting is Natasha Vorley**