

Whispering Heights Collingwood Community Association

Minutes: Board meeting of April 14, 2010
House of J. Fleck

Attended by:

David Ralph

Bob Blaisdell

Will Hargreaves

Janet Fleck

Hua Liu

Suzanne Peery

Merrick Van Dongen (late)

As Merrick was expected late, V.P David Ralph started the meeting.

Old Business:

- August minutes status- Merrick working on this... appears to be a lost cause.
- February minutes- approved by email consensus.
- March minutes- approved as presented.
- (Merrick joined us.)
- (dues- how many people pay. About ½ before... about 1/3 now.)
- Potential annexation of Baker's View neighborhood. Contact information- responded to email explaining the need for contribution if involved. Block captain, newsletter and consider board representative. It involves approximately 25 houses. Some involvement but mostly would like to just go to events. Up to the neighborhood now.
- Ongoing items kept as part of Old Business:
 - o Highlighting Whispering Heights & Collingwood
 - Articles in Bellevue Reporter, other publications
 - Website redesign
 - o Next Community Project (topics for discussion) –
 - Curbside stencil addresses
 - Lights at entrances

New Business:

1. Welcome New Board member: Suzanne Peery- thank you for volunteering!
 - a. Spreading the word for additional members: Interest for volunteer positions on dues statement. Check for board members etc.
2. Egg Hunt Re-cap: see notes -
3. Spring Clean-up Planning (this Saturday April 17th):
 - a. Coordination & help (work parties; coffee/donuts delivery,etc) need tools, truck, deliver refuse to Lattawood Park; work to be at the 3 entrances, and Collingwood Park. Contact Mark and Michelle Smith about entrances. Update website to reflect where the work will be at. Will we have bark at the entrances?

b. Signs – Dave put signs out.

** rant about trash cans in front after pickup. House on 46th Way- garage sale 'stuff' on front porch. According to CC& R's - you are not to leave unsightly things out.

4. Reaction to neighborhood thefts - opened the garage door. Block watch will help spread the word about thefts etc. A note on door to knock? Send packages to work place.
5. Whispers
 - a. Next Cutoff/Handoff Deadline: June 11/18 (Hua – dues list for newsletter- Sept to Dec is missed. What can we do- they are just missed. Dues drive? Thermometer in newsletter to give people an idea of how much we have. Possibly put it in the last newsletter of the year.

** Treasurer's report- need to have added. How much do we have?

6. Web Site Marketplace pilot - talked about it last month. Will is still working on presentation. There is someone who wants to be added to the newsletter. Discussion concluded that we should get recommendations from our own neighborhood. Why are we putting this person in the newsletter? Residents such as babysitting, youth workers. Blog as a possibility? Would need to be monitored and moderated. Volunteer? Annual meeting- have tables set up. Wine tasting at the annual meeting. We would need a permit from the city to serve wine. Suzanne's son is involved in the wine business. We need to pursue this.
7. City Matching Grant application submitted- need more follow-up for mailbox replacement. Claimed up to \$2000 in repair. Merrick has not talked to Dick Lee yet about replacement problems (mailboxes that need work)
 - a. Survey of Mailboxes
8. CC&R Web posting - Merrick to try to get a clean version from Bob B. That still needs to be done. Scans from Lin Sanford... but not good quality. Time consuming to go over. Get as good a copy as possible. Work this together with block watch.
9. Electrical Distribution and Reliability Project – a grassroots effort within the community. A community assoc. discuss the electrical distribution- problems we have had in wind storms. PSE is stonewalling. People are moving to smart grid rather than cascading as we have. Bridle Trails and energy consulting company. Study commissioned- \$300,000 for a scope of work for what needs to be done. PSE needs to provide data but reluctant. They write their own report card. This group trying to change that. Can't get the data from others to compare. PSE says they can't work with other utilities. Appears to not be true since it has happened in other communities. Merrick will keep in touch with the group.
10. Block Captain Program Review
 - a. Review Block Captain listing for Board members to contact (*reference separate Block Captain Listing*) Confirmation for block M. N & B

outstanding. Captains will have a map with spreadsheet – once a year they will update the spreadsheet. Board facilitates. Everyone in block would have a copy of the information and whatever information they would provide. Information would stay within the block. Each block would make their own parameters. A few more block captains to go.

11. Agenda items for May Board meeting-

Next Meeting: May 12th – Hua Liu Home.

Suzanne -June meeting.
Adjourned... 9:04pm...