

Windsor Heights Neighborhood Association Quarterly meeting
January 25, 2009 6:30 p.m.
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Board members present

President David & Colleen Lange
Vice President Dave Jenison
Treasurer Joan Wieder
Secretary Sylvia Owens
Pat Moran
Betty Glover
Trevor Huffaker

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Mr. Lange introduced board members and informed attendees of the association's intent of tonight's meeting to discuss the city's comprehensive plan. The discussion would consist of what they want the city to **Start/Continue and Stop**. He introduced and asked Mr. Jenison to speak regarding the city issues.

UPDATE ON CITY ISSUES

Mr. Jenison first congratulated Trevor Huffaker and family. They have a baby girl – KUDOS!

Mr. Jenison spoke about the city's study sessions that included Windsor Height's community center. There was discussion about the structure to fit the park and the cost estimation was re-reviewed. Demolition to the current shelter house is to begin sometime in the spring.

Mr. Jenison encouraged members to attend the city's council meetings. There was a question from audience regarding public notification of the study session. Council member Butz responded that there are postings of the dates. They are located at Windsor Heights' Bankers Trust and Hy-Vee.

Mr. Jenison spoke about Cowles School to begin construction of the soccer field on school property. They will re-grade the field, two small fields and one large field. Didn't think parking will be a problem. The soccer committee in charge of the North West Soccer Association spoke with residents whos property abuts the school property. Concerns to include water run off and noise.

There was a question from audience regarding city's budget. Mr. Jenison responded the city council agenda should inform residents as to when they are going to discuss the budget.

Mr. Jenison announced that Betty Glover agreed to take over the membership committee. He reminded and encourage group that association is looking for volunteers on the social

committee and volunteers to assist with the membership committee.

INTRODUCTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DISCUSSION- PAT MORAN

Mr. Moran reminded group that it is required for the city to have a plan and it is important for the city of Windsor Heights to have citizens' input.

He instructed attendees that at tonight's session will break into two groups. The groups will discuss the five areas

5. Housing
6. Economic development
7. Parks, recreation, quality of life
8. Transportation and infrastructure
9. Urban design, image and land use

Mr. Moran reminded group that the city wants residents' ideas. The association will review and prioritize those ideas between now and April 2009 to present to the city council.

Trevor Huffaker and David Lange along with Pat Moran served as facilitators among the two groups. The two groups broke into session at 7 p.m. The meeting regrouped at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Lange asked Mr. Huffaker to discuss their group's ideas. The commonality of the groups consisted of the following:

Housing

Both groups agreed on rehabilitation programs, managing rentals, better inspection and control of property tax and stop rental homes.

Both groups agreed for city to continue rental code occupancy, community service of vacation checks and keeping neighborhoods involved.

Economic development

Both groups agreed for the city to continue keeping the residents informed to include feed back from the chamber of commerce.

Parks, recreation, quality of life

Both groups agreed for city to continue city wide events

Transportation and infrastructure

Both groups agreed for city to implement traffic calming devices and to continue with bus services.

Urban design, image and land use

Both groups agreed for city to start family friendly areas such as the pocket parks for Windsor Heights.

TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Lange asked Joan Wieder to give report. She reported that in 2008 account balance, \$1,120.00, association collected \$960.00 the expenditures totaled \$453.00 and the end of the year total is \$1, 627.00. Ms. Wieder reported that she sent email to members as

reminder for dues.

Mr. Jenison reminded group to contact association with ideas on what to do with our finances such as activities. Next meeting is scheduled for April 19th 2009 6:30 Windsor Heights Lutheran Church, confirmation to residents will follow.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.