

## **Windsor Heights Neighborhood Association**

Minutes of the Windsor Heights Neighborhood Association Quarterly meeting held on July 157, 2007

Location: 3E Conference Center, 953 – 73<sup>rd</sup> Street

Attendees:

Board members: David Lange, Dave Jenison, Joan Wieder, Stacey Long, Sandy Davidson

WHNA Members: Mary Yearns, Kerald Yearns, Dennis O'Brien, Wallace Crawford, John Thompson, Karen J. Williams, Alma Davidson, Bob DeBerry, Nancy Bustell, Donald Bustell, Jack Maher, Marilyn Maher, Dennis Block, Betty Glover, Pat McManus, Tony Galena

### **Next Quarterly meeting: October, 2007 – time and location to be announced**

The Quarterly meeting of the Windsor Heights Neighborhood Association opened with a welcome greeting from David Lange, president.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Joan Wieder, treasurer. Joan reported that she has opened a free checking account at Banker's Trust in Windsor Heights. We have a current balance of \$1,040 which represents 33 individual paid memberships and one paid business membership. The only expenses incurred so far has been a fee of \$18 for checks. Donald Bustell reports that no expenses have been incurred on the Association's website so far.

David Lange introduced the Board Members to the group and announced one at-large board position due to the resignation of Sara Mitchell. Joan Wieder nominated Tari Colby, 1820 – 79<sup>th</sup> Street to fill the vacant position. The nomination was seconded and the vote was unanimous. In the future, any vacant Board positions will be announced by an e-mail to the general membership and every effort will be made to replace that Board member with someone from the same general neighborhood.

David moved on to recognize donations for the Fourth of July Celebration and in general. Cindy Chamberlin donated two banners for the parade entry. Donald Bustell has created and will maintain a website. John Thompson has agreed to serve as Parliamentarian for Quarterly meetings. Hy-Vee donated candy for the parade. Andy McBeth also donated candy for the parade. Jan DeBartolo printed and folded the brochures that were used at the Fourth of July celebration. And finally, John Temple at 3E has allowed us to use their Conference Center for our quarterly meetings.

Board Progress:

The efforts of the Board so far have been as follows:

- The ZIP code effort—encouraging members to send letters to their legislators in support of obtaining a single ZIP code for Windsor Heights.
  - E-mailed sample letters to all members

- The City has requested that any problems with mail delivery that can be attributed to multiple ZIP codes be reported to City Hall.
- Non-profit status research
  - Joan Wieder has researched the pros/cons of obtaining a non-profit status for our group and has determined that it is not to our benefit to pursue at this time. We don't have enough money in our treasury to be required to file taxes and the registration fee is \$400.
- Joan Wieder has opened a bank account
- A website has been set up by Don Bustell. Minutes, etc. are being published to that site. Go to [www.windsorheightsna.org](http://www.windsorheightsna.org).
- Five committees have been formed. The Board has set up guidelines and goals for each committee.
  - Committee Chairperson slots have been solicited by the Board.
- An informational brochure was been designed and printed for distribution beginning with the Fourth of July parade.
- A "float" was entered in the Fourth of July parade. This was a 1923 Model T Ford Roadster owned and driven in the parade by Jim McDonald. David and Colleen Lange walked the parade alongside of the car distributing brochures and candy to the crowd.
- Board members set up and manned a booth at the Fourth of July Celebration in Colby Park after the parade.
- Board members filled volunteer slots to sell tickets and bottled water after the parade.
- Board members have filled volunteer slots to make popcorn and snow cones at the Friday Night Movie in the Park.
- Board members have also filled volunteers lots to make popcorn and snow cones on Tuesday nights Music in the Park events.
- Thank you notes were mailed to Hy-Vee, Cindy Chamberlin, Jan DeBartolo, Andy McBeth, Jim McDonald, Don Bustell, John Thompson and 3E.

### **Committees:**

The committees and their definitions and goals were discussed by the group. These have been published to the Neighborhood Association's website. Please go to [www.windsorheightsna.org](http://www.windsorheightsna.org) for details.

Suggested issues for committee discussions:

- MTA Bus Route – the MTA buses marquee advertises Wal-Mart rather than Windsor Heights as its destination. The point being made that Windsor Heights and Wal-Mart should not be interchangeable.
- Use the Hy-Vee bulletin board to solicit memberships.
- Sponsor Christmas parties and or block parties throughout the year
- Restrooms at Colby Park should be open for public gatherings in addition to the portable restrooms

- The bond issue for Salisbury House was discussed. It is our understanding that Windsor Heights had bonding capacity that was not going to be used and has no liability risk for allowing Salisbury House to utilize the unused bonding capacity.
- Recent phone survey—a random phone survey was authorized by the City Council at a cost of \$4000.
- The WH Foundation is investigating existing restroom layouts to be incorporated into the new Community Center planned for Colby Park. They should be open to the public even when the Community Center is not open. Vandalism is a concern.

Committee reports will be made at the quarterly meeting of the Windsor Heights Neighborhood Association in October.

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### **Ice Cream Social Night:**

An Ice Cream Social Night was discussed and hosts from each neighborhood around town have been requested to be responsible to organize their neighborhoods. The idea is to pick one night in late August or early September and host ice cream socials throughout the city simultaneously. More details will be forthcoming from the Social Committee.