



## MEREDITH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### Board Meeting Minutes

**JANUARY 09, 2006** at 6:30 pm  
Meredith Drive Reformed Church  
5128 Meredith Drive, Room 244

**Attendees** - Those in attendance were Bob Wells, Don Shaw, Chris Craig, Ken Craig, Al Minear, Keri McDermott, Dave Thelen, Lori Thelen and Emily Chafa. Cheryl Musser was ill. Guests for the evening were Mark Hrubetz and Lori Garth.

**Call To Order** - The Board Meeting was called to order by Bob Wells at 6:35 pm. The minutes of the previous November meeting were approved; our December meeting was the holiday dinner and light judging contest at the Craig's.

**Guest Lori Garth**, Hoover Post Prom Committee was introduced and spoke about the upcoming May 7 event booked at Trophy's again. Prom night is Saturday, May 6. 240 seniors will be graduating and their committee is soliciting for donations to cover a budget of approximately \$16,000. Beaverville made a donation of \$250, Lower Beaver has not responded. Sponsors are promoted in the newspaper, at the event, and through school materials. The Board tabled the donation issue until next meeting and noted that our boundaries support two school districts of Des Moines and Johnston.

**Guest Mark Hrubetz** introduced himself as a Hoover and Drake graduate and MNA member at 4238 46th Street, 274-4532 and is a member of St. Mary's Church. He emailed Chris Craig as a mortgage loan specialist and offered ideas on membership, newsletter, etc. and is interested in obtaining a membership roster of the association. The Board offered Mark a position as Membership Coordinator to fill that open position and to reintroduce the Welcome Neighbors program. Chris will work with Mark on materials, procedures, etc. to get him acquainted. Mark wants to make an investment in the neighborhood.

**Treasurer Report** - Keri McDermott provided copies of her report which were accepted. Beginning balance \$5,702.40; revenue of \$1558.00 from (38) membership and advertising; expenses of \$836.12; and the ending balance as of January 9, 2005 of \$6,424.28. Expenses are grouped and reported by project.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Community Development:** Don Shaw reported that he is trying to get hold of Gary Fox as two trucks and a bus could not get through on Palm Avenue due to parked cars and the street islands. Twana Drive did no parking petition but received no parking signs. There is a duplex north of Aurora on 50<sup>th</sup> Street that is run down, all rentals, junky. Wayne Thomas is trying to find out who is the owner and could pull Mark Hrubetz into his project.

**Beautification Committee:** The street islands at Palm and Bel-Aire would be nice to have MNA signs in them to promote our work there, they need approval of the city and there is a program to get them. We agreed we should plant annual flowers again as Dave Thelen has lined up folks to water. The evergreens look nice in the winter weather planted at the Westchester Park sign.

**Westchester Park Committee:** Emily Chafa reported the Parks Dept is still on schedule to finish Phase III this summer with an open air shelter, kybo and enclosure, walking path, landscaping, possible basketball court, more lighting and benches with low maintenance plantings. The committee will set another meeting. We discussed the new Hoover-Meredith athletic project being built and since they will have basketball courts, we may not need one in the park. It would be nice to have a cement platform of some kind for events and bands.

**Membership Committee:** Jennifer Hushagen is continuing to update our database and will email Chris January updated Membership and Newsletter Mailing Lists in addition to the Comments Sheet. Current membership is around 235. Bob got a call and tried to follow up with the Beaverville Post Office that we had about 30 membership envelopes to be picked up (from our October-Fall newsletter) and they closed our Dahl's PO Box #32134 due to a November expiration date and no payment. Bob offered to pay but they said we would have to refill out the whole application. Chris handled it the next day putting the box in her name and address, paid the fee and Bob, Keri and Chris all have a key. Chris will help out more and check the PO Box for Keri. Jennifer Hushagen now has the new envelopes and will revise the database list before the newsletter gets mailed.

**Business Committee:** Ken Craig dropped off the ad packets to the ad reps (Don Shaw, Don Lancaster and Al Minear) to get started for the Winter issue. Wells Fargo has been contacted about a possible business after house social event and we can invite our local businesses to attend. Bob Wells and Don Shaw volunteered to help out. We still need a summer \$250 back page sponsor (use to be Dahl's Foods) and Don said he was trying to contact the new Shortstop gas station on the corner of Beaver and Douglas. Mark Pierson is the new Store Director at Dahl's and we should visit.

**Communications Committee:** Chris Craig reported we are drafting our Winter issue due out the end of January to promote our February 7 quarterly meeting. We need speakers set up and discusses asking Dick Murphy to talk about the new Hoover-Meredith Athletic complex which is going to be a great improvement to the neighborhood and useful to the community, maybe ask Connie Cook also. Emily will ask a park planner to talk about the Westchester park improvements. Chris Craig reported that she and Lori Thelen continue to work developing a website for the MNA.

We discussed our **MNA 2006 goals** and decided to remain the same and continue to work on them: Westchester park improvements, support neighborhood safety, organize activities, support traffic improvements and safety. Bob will draft up a completion timeline.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** [Monday, February 13 at 6:30 pm at Meredith Drive Reformed Church, Room 244](#)



Minutes Submitted by  
Chris Craig, MNA Secretary 2004-2006