



MEREDITH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

MAY 1, 2006 at 6:30 pm

Meredith Drive Reformed Church
50 and Meredith Drive

Attendees - Those in attendance were Bob Wells, Al Minear, Don Shaw, Chris Craig, Ken Craig, Emily Chafa, Wayne Thomas and Dave Thelen. Mark Hrubetz and Cheryl Musser were not in attendance and Keri McDermott was out of town.

Neighbor **Terry Golightly** at 4865 Meredith Avenue, 276-2170, email is steveterri2005@msn.com discussed her concerns for the excessive speeding and passing on double lines on Meredith and for the safety of the neighbors as there are no shoulders. She has been in touch with Angela Connolly and a radar traffic speed sign plus two officers were set up to monitor violators. The posted speed limit is 35 mph and the avenue has a large volume of traffic, plus heavy construction trucks are violating use of the road. Don Shaw has been working with the city traffic department to get on their agenda. Don also reported on the no parking on one side of the street for all of our neighborhood does not have to be petitioned. The Board asked Terry to get more traffic details and she will communicate with Bob Wells.

Neighbor **Terry Timmons** was an invited guest of Al Minear. He is a retired city attorney and worked on the League of Cities. His home was burglarized last 2005 summer and is a friend of Emily Chafa. He sat in on the meeting and offered input.

Neighbor Travis TV has expressed concern over an adjacent business neighbor to his location putting out poster board signs against city ordinances. Bob Wells contacted Councilman Tom Vlassis but did not hear back from him. Apparently the signs disappeared.

Call To Order - The Board Meeting was called to order by Bob Wells at 6:450 pm and the minutes were motioned by Al Minear and seconded by Don for approval.

Treasurer Report – Copies were emailed to Chris as Kerri was unavailable for the meeting, but Chris did not receive in time to print out as she left work early. The Board asked Chris to contact Keri to have her email them to everyone.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

May 9 Annual Meeting: Chris talked to Cheryl Musser who has handled the food arrangements for our potluck dinner at Hoover at 6:30 pm. We should have Famous Dave's and Carlos O'Kelly's bringing some foods again this year. Cheryl has contacted committee member Barb Lancaster to help out during set up and she has contacted Boesen's the Florist for potted table decorations to also use as drawing prizes. **Speakers:** Linda Johnson, General Manager of the Merle Hay Mall and Angela Connolly to report on the Hoover Complex construction have been confirmed by Chris as speakers. Ken has asked Paul Dullard, General Manager of Carlo's O'Kelly's to speak on his business.

The **Nomination Committee** reports Bob Wells as their nominee for President and has confirmed his interest. Two past Secretary contacts have resulted in both ladies willing to do more social projects for the MNA. Al and Emily discussed several other names: Michelle Soria on Bel-Aire and Terry Timmons on Crestmoor. They will be contacted and Chris will email the Nomination Calling Sheet again to keep track of who we have all asked.

Garage Sale: Set for Friday and Saturday May 19 & 20. Chris has six (6) Street Captains and participants in the sale are to call Chris to sign up. We will not have an MNA table with donated items for sale due to no time to promote or arrange; this has been a \$200 or so fundraiser each year for the MNA though. The kettle korn food vendor again will set up to sell food and drink items on 49th Place. **A Fresh Start:** Chris reported that Rod & Nancy Querry who live at 4534 49th Street pastor a church that sponsors this FREE clothing ministry that helps people in need. They are constantly looking for clothing donations of all types. They want to partner again with the MNA to notify residents for donations, especially during the garage sale for leftover items. All are promoted in the upcoming newsletter.

Jazz In July: Emily Chafa contacted co-sponsor Merle Hay Neighborhood Association and due to Westchester Park construction we will postpone the Metro Arts July music event until 2007 when the park gazebo will be completed. **Taste of Hoover:** Chris reported this June event has been postponed to 2007 per Hoover Booster Club President Dick Murphy.

Community Development: Scrub Day is set for Saturday, July 22 at the Hoover parking lot from 7:00 am to 12 noon. Wayne is coordinating with the city through Angela Connolly's recommendation to make sure both the Hoover parking lot entrances on Aurora are open for use from 7 am to 12 noon for this general clean up day. Wayne will contact Steve Berry to see if the MHNA can possibly take over coordination in 2007. We have the shredder truck again for \$50 per Don Shaw arrangements.

Alice Rodine Dinner: Don reported the April 27 dinner at the Mickle Center to honor nominations went well but lasted 3 hours. Bob Wells attended as well and did a good job of presenting the recommendations. They suggested the Des Moines Neighbors do each neighborhood nominations at one time, rather than bring them up individually in groups. They need a better PA system and the buffet only served from one side, instead of from two, but the committee worked very hard on a nice evening event to recognize volunteers.

Beautification Committee: Dave Thelen reported we are planting Palm and Bel-Aire Street islands on Sunday, May 21 with free annual flowers from the parks department. The city will bring landscape fabric and bark chips. Three neighbors have been contacted to water the islands and Westchester Park.

Westchester Park Committee: No report was available but construction fencing is up at the park and work is being done by the city on the gazebo. In 2007 trees and a walking path will be constructed.

Membership Committee: Mark Hrubetz was not available for a report. We discussed the Welcome Neighbor Program.

Business Committee – Ken reported the ad committee is working on their ads for the Spring issue coming out soon. US Bank on Merle Hay Road is a possible business contact. Their manager is going flyers and handing them out in the neighborhood. Shelley is the Bank Manager.

Communications Committee: Chris Craig reported the Spring issue is out and Julander Printing printed 1600 copies and Mail Services probably misplaced some when they mailed. We are short about 100 copies and Chris will order more and we will have to pay for, but both vendors are warned this cannot happen again.

Neighborhood Growth Grant: Chris reported our grant application for monies for our National Night Out is on hold and we are waiting to hear if we receive any monies.

Nominations Committee: Al reported we have Bob Wells as our nomination for President for the May 9 upcoming Annual meeting and two Secretary applicants have decided not to run, so Chris Craig would still hold the position. Don Shaw will check with one other neighbor on Bel-Aire.

New Business: Bob Wells reported on a Raccoon River Neighborhood Association letter and a call about a bridge problem. He will report in a letter that the MNA will take it into consideration

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. **NEXT BOARD MEETING: MONDAY, June 12 at 6:30 pm.**



Minutes Submitted by
Chris Craig, MNA Secretary 2004-2006