



Meredith Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2006
Meredith Drive Reformed Church
5128 Meredith Drive, Room 244

Attendees: Those attending were Bob Wells, Dave Thelen, Wayne Thomas, Peggy Grim, Chris Craig, Ken Craig, Al Minear, Mark Hrubetz and Cheryl Musser and Keri McDermott.

Connie Cook, Principal of Hoover/ Meredith Schools was a guest at the meeting. Connie discussed Hoover wanting to erect an accomplishment sign on the west side of the building. The city ordinances restrict the school to two signs per side of building. The hope is that it would be similar to the signage on the Urbandale school. Much discussion followed as how the sign would be funded and what events would be listed. Past alumni have offered to contribute to the project. Discussion also included what our neighboring associations' views were. Connie reported that all that have been visited were in favor. Connie will forward more information regarding the sign for our next newsletter to Chris Craig.

It was brought up again about the trash from the schools. Connie stated it is an ongoing problem but they are trying to deal with it. Connie shared that Meredith will have a new principal next year: Cynthia Flesch. Hoover also has a new football coach Mitch Elbert from NE.

It was discussed establishing a contact with Student Council. Doug Wheeler is the Student Council Advisor. Everyone thanked Connie for her information.

Call To Order - The Board Meeting was called to order by Bob Wells at 6:35 pm. Al Minear motioned to approved last months minutes and Keri McDermott seconded it. Chris stated that we should plan on having the minutes out to everyone within a week of the meeting.

Treasurer Report: May 31 is the fiscal end of the year. Keri handed out a draft of the budget for everyone to view. She will email to everyone the final version in the next week. At meeting time a net income was \$6,178.37. Wayne motioned to approve the budget and Mark seconded the motion.

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Community Development Wayne reported that Scrub Day plans are in place. He could use 3 to 4 more helpers. Dave Thelen and Mark Hrubetz both agreed to help. Wayne said he would conduct a quick meeting regarding Scrub Day after tonight's meeting. Wayne says he needs one additional sign with date, time and place. It was moved and seconded to buy a new sign and additional stands. There will be an organizational meeting concerning Scrub Day before next Board Meeting.

Beautification Committee: Dave reported everything is going well for flower plantings. Bob said the street islands look great. Dave reported we have one tree with problems at the park. Whether it is due to wind or vandals it is unknown. Dave will keep a watch on it. Neighbors have been watering. Keri passed on checks to Chris for our neighbors that are watering the islands. Ken made a motion to discontinue the Island Project. The time, effort and money put into this project for little help is the problem. Not much response from the people that live around the Islands. Ken would like to see time and money be put to better use. Maybe plan a project that involves less time and effort for the few that are dedicated to this project. Chris said that with the City's help all that is really needed is to plant and maintain the Islands. Dave takes care of the weeding. This past year the Des Moines Register advertised the wrong date for planting so there was very few volunteers to help work with the planting. Wayne suggested passing out flyers that this will be last year unless there is more help. The decision was tabled until a later date.

Social Committee: National Night Out Family Picnic, Cheryl has been in contact with Dahl's and the discount is not what it has been in the past. The Business Committee will speak with the Dahl's manager about what amount of discount we will receive for supplies for the night. It was discussed talking with HyVee to see what kind of a deal/discount they would offer us.

The band The Princeman will be providing music for the NNO. They are a local band that plays 50 and 60's music. They will cost \$500.00 for the evening. It was discussed whether to ask the Hoover Jazz Band to play during intermission or ask a

barbershop quartet to return another year. Keri said the "Dancing Grannies" are also an idea for entertainment. The clowns will be returning as well as the kettle corn people. We discussed the new gazebo having electricity for the band, and Don Shaw told Chris he had booked the park for August 1, and applied for the sound permit. Picnic benches are in short supply but we asked for several. Everyone was asked to help.

Everyone was reminded of the August 19th **Hoover Golf Outing**.

Westchester Park Committee: Chris reported from an email from Emily Chafa that current construction at the park should be completed by August 1 prior to our NNO event.

Membership Committee: Mark asked the board how he can get advised of new members, Chris told him to contact Jennifer Hushagen the database coordinator. It was discussed among members. Mark shared an idea to keep track of members who are joining and who are renewing, using membership cards. There are 36 new/renewed members. It was discussed that we need to welcome all new people to the neighborhood. We need to make a strong effort on this. Ken feels that membership cards would be beneficial.

Business Committee: Ken will speak with Plaza Lanes about the \$250 back page ad space for the summer newsletter issue; we need a new sponsor since Dahl's will no longer be the sponsor due corporate changes.

Communications Committee: Chris said we are out of MNA t-shirts. We need to purchase more to use for event volunteer, for the kids in the Beavertdale Parade and to sell. Chris will check with Image Sports John Linder to see if he can make us a deal on t-shirts and hats.

Neighborhood Grant: Chris shared with everyone about the \$500.00 grant the MNA received for our NNO event to be used for food and beverages only.

The board reviewed and discussed the quarterly Comments Sheet.

Old and New Business: The Board discussed the recent councilmen's involvement with the CIETEC scandal.

Cheryl was thanked for bring taco chips and salsa from Carlos O'Kelly's for treats. A motion was taken to adjourn the meeting and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by



Peggy Grim, Secretary 2006-2008

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