



Meredith Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2006

Meredith Drive Reformed Church
5128 Meredith Drive, Room 244

Attendees: Those attending were Bob Wells, Peggy Grim, Chris Craig, Ken Craig, Al Minear, Mark Hrubetz and Mike Kuhlenbeck our Hoover student representative.

Call to Order: The Board Meeting was called to order by Bob Wells at 6:36 pm with Don Shaw motioning and a second by Al Minear. Minutes from the August 7, 2006 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report: Keri was not able to attend. She did send a report. A motion to approve the treasurer report was moved by Don Shaw and seconded by Ken Craig. Discussion pertained to NNO costs and whether we can expect to receive financial help from General Casualty, and Target next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social Committee: Next quarterly meeting will be a Pie Social on November 7 at Hoover High School. Cheryl Musser has details under control. Mike was asked if the Hoover students would like to be involved. Discussed if the Hoover students would like to make a report on the progress of the Hoover Sports Fields. Talked about what Meredith Neighborhood can do for or with the students. Committee discussed the speeding, loud music, trash and vandalism on Aurora and 50th not only students but also adults. Bob Wells has emailed Tom Vlassis about the problems and Tom Vlassis referred him to Officer Rounds and several other officers that will be on patrol for these problems. It was suggested that Mike take these items back to the Student Council to see what maybe can be done from the student side. Mike will take this back to the next Student Council Meeting. Mike shared that there is assigned parking for the students with best parking spots going to best attendance and behavior. Bob volunteered to speak to the student council at their monthly meeting. Bob shared with Mike that when he was principal the school invited businesses in for a coffee. This was done as a way for business and school to get to know one another. Bob and Mike will exchange email addresses.

November 11 Quarterly Meeting: Speakers are needed for the quarterly meeting. Names offered were Connie Cook, Bob Eustace, Brian Millard, and Dick Murphy. Chris will call Connie Cook to ask her to speak about the Hoover Field and to let her know that Mike will be joining the meeting. It was suggested to have two businesses invited to attend. Ken will invite two businesses to our November 7th meeting.

Beaverdale Parade: Classic cars for the parade will be a Hummer from Betts driven by Bob Wells, Dr Hall's Roadster, and Charlie McGuire's Triumph. Sheldon, Phil Dickie and Jose Medina were all unavailable for this year. Mark Hrubetz will bring his VW bug to drive and his children. Candy will be carried in the Hummer providing Bob is given permission to use. Bruce Babcock cannot get the Brach's candy salesman to donate 6 boxes of candy this year. Hoover students are uncertain. Target manager Tiffany and staff would like to march in the parade with MNO. Chris and Tiffany will contact one another for details. Beaverdale Classic Car Show is Friday, September 22. Italian American Culture Program is Sunday, September 24 and the Sister City event is September 22, 2006. Chili Cook-Off sponsored by Des Moines Neighbors will be October 14th. Cheryl, Chris and Mark will attend. Des Moines Neighbors meeting is September 28th. After Hours for Beaverdale is September 14th will be at First American Bank at 4:00 pm.

Community Development: Chris reported that she spoke with Signs Now and the city about welcome signs. Possible design will be name and web site imprinted on metal. City will do mounting on poles for these signs. They will mount within two weeks of receiving the signs. Chris will work with Mike Ring, Traffic Engineer, regarding these signs and the mounting. Signs Now can work with about anything and will give us a 20% discount. There could be grant money available through Metro Waste Authority with no deadline. It would be entered in as Community Entryway and Signage Beautification. We could submit anytime with a possible amount of money available up to \$2500.00. Bob spoke to Connie Cook about grant money in regards to the monument sign at 50th and Aurora for the Hoover /Meredith Neighborhood sign. Beaverdale had a special sign made that looked very nice. Don will talk with Beaverdale and find out vendor, size and cost. Chris will then talk with Signs Now for ideas. Then it will be decided where and how many signs are needed.

Westchester Park Committee: The Park has been very popular. Many families have been enjoying the park. We need to thank the City for all the work on the park. Email will be sent to Mayor, City Council, Tom Valssis, Angela Connelly and West Chester Park Committee thanking them for all of their help in making Westchester Park the fantastic area that it is now. Bob will contact Emily for a list of names that should be included in email of thanks. Vandalism is apparent in Westchester Park. What can be done?

Membership Committee: Mark was thanked for his great work with membership work at NNO. Mark asked if he could get copies of last issue of the newsletter for neighbors who have not gotten a copy. It was questioned where they live. Mark is to contact Jennifer regarding list of addresses receiving newsletter.

Business Committee: Ken passed around an article from Ankeny about "Slow Down" signs. Ken has been unable to talk to individual about signs. Neighbor Lori Kavlik who operates day care in her home had contacted city for a slow down sign. She was told she would need to come to a Meredith Neighborhood Association meeting to discuss her need for a sign. She contacted Chris and was invited to come to meeting to talk about her concern about speeding on Crestmoor Drive. She did not attend. Lori should be contacted regarding traffic problems in MNA.

Communications Committee: Newsletter will be coming out week of October 31st. Chris talked to Beaverdale Post Office about returned newsletters The P.O. keeps these for a charge. If we don't pick up they are thrown away along with all of the corrections we need to update list. We will now open up a postage account. Chris gave the P.O. a check of \$100 to open account and then returned newsletter will be sent to post box at Dahl's and all corrections will be saved. Chris spoke to Brian Millard from Hoover about joining Hoover Booster Club. We will again join the Booster Club and receive an activity pass. We will receive two passes, one for last year and one for the current year. Passes will go to Chris's address. We need to decide what to do with these passes. If we donate we need actual names to be applied to passes. Mike was asked if Student Council could be of help. Mike will research 3 recipients in need of these passes. Printer prints 1600 copies of newsletter and envelopes, then goes to Mail Services to complete. Can our printer manually insert envelopes? Chris will research this.

Old and New Business:

Meredith Neighborhood Night Out, did a thank you get sent to Hy-Vee for all their help on NNO? A thank you should be sent to the superiors of the Hy-Vee that worked with us for NNO. Don brought up the traffic issue. Chris and Don will do a letter to Gary Fox regarding parking and traffic controls in Meredith Neighborhood Association boundaries regarding Don Shaw's conversation. Don Shaw shared the next meeting for Beaverdale Neighborhood Coalition Lunch is will be September 26 @ 11:30am at Christopher and October 24. Pastor Solberg will be invited to come to October 9th meeting regarding deep ravine. Island Clean-up will be done sometime around October 15th. Chris will talk with Lori.

A motion was given to adjourn the meeting and was seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by



Peggy Grim, Secretary 2006-2008