



MEREDITH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting and "Special Membership Meeting" Minutes
NOVEMBER 14, 2005 at 7:00 pm
Carlos O'Kelly's Mexican Restaurant
4371 Merle Hay Road

Attendees - Those in attendance were Bob Wells, Delores Wells, Don Shaw, Chris Craig, Ken Craig, Al Minear, Cheryl Musser, Rod Musser, Keri McDermott, Dave Thelen and Emily Chafa. We had a great turn out for the Membership Appreciation Night this evening with approximately 31 members showing up to take advantage of the 20% food discount. Next year Chris will remember to bring blue balloons for the kids.

Call To Order - The Board Meeting was called to order by Bob Wells at 6:50 pm after attendees ate dinner at the table. The minutes of the previous October meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report - Keri McDermott provided copies of her report which were accepted. Beginning balance \$7,223.51; revenue of \$65.00 from (1) membership and advertising; expenses of \$59.90; and the ending balance as of November 14, 2005 of \$7,028.61. Expenses are grouped and reported by project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quarterly Membership Meeting - The group discussed that we had a very good turnout for the November 8 meeting at Hoover of approximately 60+ attendees. Cheryl Musser said she was impressed with the turnout. Approximately 4 members of the Police and Detective Dept. were represented and spoke on local crime, security and passed out materials and answered many questions; these topics may have been a good draw and interest. We had a pie auction with auctioneer Bob Wells and drawings for door prizes for the evening.

Beautification Committee: Dave Thelen reported that Jane McDowell on Crestmoor and her kids had cleaned up the streets islands this past summer when they got overgrown with weeds. The Fall newsletter issue mentioned all the work of this committee in a _ page article.

Community Development - Don Shaw reported the Des Moines Neighbors will have a potluck dinner November 14 at the Mickle Center, and will have another Public Works thank you luncheon in the Spring, 2006. The Des Moines Neighbors group meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Armory downtown and representatives from all neighborhoods attend to catch up. The DSM Neighbors did a Younkers community tickets sale to raise funds. He passed around a sign up for the December 9 Salvation Army ring the bell at Dahl's to fill in the 30 minute slots. Dahl's new manager is Mark Pierson and Don has met with him.

Westchester Park Committee - Emily Chafa reported the Parks Dept is still on schedule to finish Phase III next summer in 2006. A bid was put in for 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. Dave Thelen of the Beautification Committee was invited to attend as he is interested in landscaping. There has been some vandalism in the park and security cameras were discussed, etc. Don Shaw will talk with Principal Connie Cook on the trash in the park and talk to the Student Council.

Membership Committee: Jennifer Hushagen is continuing to update our database and will email Chris January 1 updated Membership and Newsletter Mailing Lists in addition to the Comments Sheet. We could still use a Welcome Neighbors Program coordinator. Current membership is around 235.

Business Committee: Ken Craig said he talked to Polk County Bank in Johnston for a possible ad in the newsletter. He mentioned the MNA could have a business after hours function at Wells Fargo and also at the Two Rivers Bank. All Minear and Don Shaw said they could help. The Business Committee did a good job of getting ads this quarter, but we could use a few additional.

Communications Committee: Chris Craig reported Julander Printing overprinted 4,500 MNA membership envelopes thinking they were for Beaverdale. Chris told Bob Julander that we would pay for and use them each quarter so to go ahead and store them for us.

Website: Chris Craig reported that she and Lori Thelen continue to work each Thursday evening for several hours with volunteer website leader Matt Howard in developing a website for the MNA.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Monday, December 12 at 6:30 pm at the Craig's home with an appreciation dinner and holiday lights judging contest.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Craig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Minutes Submitted by
Chris Craig, MNA Secretary 2004-2006