

CAPTAIN JOHN MULLAN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Leadership Team Meeting
October 14th, 2008
Barns & Noble Coffee Shop

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Present – Randy Johnson
Kathie Snodgrass
Nathan Howard
Josiah Hodge
Nancy Butz
Kim Neel
Jordan Hager
Nathan Reynolds

Absent - Dick Hexter

Nathan H. reported that the bus tour was again very interesting and Dick did a good job explaining our complete street and priority street. Once again, it was enlightening to hear the perspectives of other neighborhoods, especially Northside.

Nancy reported on the Pleasant View Park committee. Kathie had given her some information she'd seen in one of her professional journals about Home Depot's grant program, plus the name of a person she'd talked to on the bus who said she has experience writing grant proposals and is interested in helping with the park. Nathan R. used to work for Home Depot and confirmed the info about the grants and offered to talk to his former boss and find out how he might feel about working with us on the park right in their own neighborhood. The group thought that was a great idea, but would be more timely after the charrette. Dick did get the grant application in on time. Kathie reported there are more applications for grant money than there is money available.

Nathan R. asked about our web site and we told him that Josiah had been the Web person, but hadn't had time to do anything for a long time. Kathie explained that LaNette had said that all the City sponsored neighborhood Web sites were in a really simple format and she could show people how to do updates in just a few minutes. Jordan volunteered to contact LaNette about updating our Web site (YAY!!) and be the person to do the updates.

We will have a joint meeting with the Pleasant View Homeowner's Association on the 23rd. The first half hour will be a repeat of the presentation on the emergency services center bond issue that we heard about at the September general meeting. The second half hour will be Dave Shaw explaining about the Pleasant View Park planning process. Then the Pleasant View Homeowners will do their annual meeting after that. Nathan H. said he'd put our sandwich board signs out if we could figure out a way to change the message without going to a print shop. Kathie and Nathan H. will try to use a marker on the back of the message board.

Nathan said next time he saw one of the neighborhood signs that appeared to have the neighborhood name and stuff that doesn't change printed on it and a space for writing with marker the stuff that does change, he would let Kathie know. Kathie will talk to their Community Forum person and find out where they got it made so we can maybe do the same, so we don't have a printing bill every time we have a meeting. We discussed our meeting notification in the dense neighborhoods using printed cards and everybody agreed that as long as we have volunteers to distribute them, it is a cost-effective way to get the word out, along with the sandwich boards and media notices.

Kathie reported on the September 25th Community Forum meeting. The forum was one person shy of a quorum, so couldn't vote on anything. About half of the new zoning & subdivision regulation have been drafted, and they want to start presenting them to neighborhoods, but we probably won't have another general meeting in time. The Forum will likely amend their bylaws to add yearly emphasis items determined by the Forum, so ideas from each Neighborhood are requested. The PowerPoint "Budgeting 101", explaining how the City budgeting process works, is available from LaNette, and we could use it at our spring meeting. There may be a public hearing on the proposed regulation changes for parks (closing the loophole that allowed condo developments to not contribute, etc.), but they might wait until the zoning & subdivision regulations are closer to complete. The Russell Street EIS has been under development on and off for 8 years, but NOW is the time to speak up (until October 20th if you have an opinion on it. The UFDA public hearing will be November 10th. Kathie showed the flyer on the voluntary housing inspection program and said she would get the smaller version to pass out to the older section of the neighborhood when she does the cards for the spring general meeting. We have \$800 in the Captain John Mullan Neighborhood Council general fund and \$497.12 in the mail supplement.

We will discuss the spring picnic at our next meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday November 13th at 7:30 at Barnes & Noble's coffee shop unless something comes up.

Kathie Snodgrass
substitute note keeper