

## COLLEGE COMMONS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting: Annual Meeting  
Date: February 21, 2005

Location: First Baptist Church  
Time: 7:30 P.M.

Call to Order given by Ms. Johnson, President, at 7:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance and singing of America the Beautiful led by Cindy Anderson with Bruce Montgomery at the piano was followed by a moment of silence. Yellow ribbons were made available in support of our troops.

Attendance: Approximately 30 neighbors and special guests.

Treasurer's Report presented by Joan Snyder and filed subject to audit

Balance as of 10/18/2004	\$5142.01
Income	195.00
Expenses	1119.91
Ending Balance 12/31/2004	\$4217.10

Minutes: Read and approved as provided by Nancy Rust, Secretary.

### **New Business:**

Introductions of guests were made, including Rachel O'Neil, Jim Bradford, and David Orentlicher.

Board Members, Street Monitors, and Committee Members were introduced and several changes were announced. Requests for additional volunteers were made for several streets and well as help on committees.

### **Committee Reports:**

Karen Risk, new co-member of Health & Hospital/Zoning, reported on coyote sightings in the area. DNR could attempt to trap them, saying they are quite common. Trapping would cost \$350.00 and could result in getting something other than coyotes, such as dogs/cats/raccoons, etc. Health & Hospital met with NCC to see what is going on.

Everyone is welcome to the NCC meetings held at the Nora Library.

Minutes from last annual meeting indicated a bank and Mexican Restaurant would be built at 86<sup>th</sup> & Westfield. Patti Horrigan reported that has fallen through and there is no news on that property. Several people asked whether the right turn lane at 91<sup>st</sup> & Meridian could be opened up to facilitate traffic trying to turn right. Construction signs on Meridian should also be removed. Jim Bradford agreed to see what could be done.

### **Old Business:**

Ms. Johnson asked about continuing with the luminaries for next year, citing the warmth and camaraderie they create, while noting the problems of bad bags, wet sand, and bags that fell apart before they could be lit. She asked for a show of hands and approximately 80% agreed they should be continued.

### **Special Guest**

Sheriff Steve Magnuson was introduced as the guest speaker on Crime and Safety. He brought along a chart defining where crimes were reported. There were 5 burglaries and 8 larcenies. Some of these occurred in the areas around 96<sup>th</sup> & Meridian at the stores there. He made the following suggestion: Put cars in the garage; clean it out if necessary to allow cars inside. Do not leave anything of value in a car if it must be left outside, including garage door openers. Lock cars parked outside, even if you're only going inside for a short time—someone could be watching. Make sure garage doors are down and locked before retiring. Leave interior lights on in the house and outside lights should be on timers or dark sensors. Use motion detectors if possible. Point lights down onto subjects so you can see who they are. "Nosey" neighbors are often a really good thing. Use timers on interior lights, stereo, radio, etc when you are on vacation. Give the impression someone's home. Ask neighbors to pick up mail, papers, etc. Alarm systems make a home 3 times less likely to be broken into. Put in a safety lock that goes deeply into the doorjamb so it can't be easily kicked open. Call the Sheriff's Office if you see something suspicious. If strange vehicles are in the neighborhood, the Sheriff will stop and check them out. If you see kids late and don't know them, call the Sheriff. Vacant homes can have broken windows boarded up by Bruce Baird (327-5617). In answer to a question about drug houses, Officer Magnuson said signs include lots of traffic in and out staying only a short time, strangers getting into/out of these cars. If you suspect problems, call the NARC line (231-5650) and report the kind of vehicles, number of people coming and going, and why you think something is wrong. For crimes in progress, call 911. Non-emergencies should be reported to 327-3811.

Prior to closing the meeting, Ms. Johnson asked everyone to stay, enjoy refreshments, and visit with special guests and Association members.

Adjournment was declared at 8:25 P. M.

Door prizes obtained from area merchants were given away.

Minutes respectfully submitted: Nancy Rust, Secretary