

COLLEGE COMMONS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting: Annual Meeting
Date: March 23, 2006

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

Call to Order: Given by Ms. Marsella, Vice President at 7:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Attendance: Forty-two neighbors and special guests attended.

Minutes: Reading of minutes was waived.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Mr. Irish and filed subject to audit

Expenses	902.98
Income from dues	<u>270.00</u>
Balance as of 12/31/05	\$5585.12

Committee Reports:

Mr. Cox gave an update on Firestone signage. The Carmel Board approved this sign to be lighted from 6:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. He thanked those people who had sent letters to Carmel and those who attended meetings. Funds gained from Indiana Toll Road leasing may be used for road improvements, one of which is widening of US 31 from 96th Street to South Bend. Widening of 96th from Meridian to Spring Mill will be done due to Duke's buildings. Changes at 96th & Spring Mill are due to the widening of the street and installation of a roundabout. In response to questions, Mr. Cox said he hoped the signage at Firestone would not set a precedent, but would require monitoring of activities at Carmel. The mechanics from the closed Marathon station at 91st & Meridian have moved to the northeast corner at 106th & College.

Special Recognitions:

Ms. Risk presented a gift certificate to Ms. Horrigan in honor of her many contributions to the Association. She was instrumental in establishing CCNA and has served as Vice President/NCC Liaison for many years. A plaque was presented to Ms. Johnson for her activities in service to CCNA, including holding meetings at her home, hosting the Night Out Against Crime, luminary preparation space, and her general leadership. She revived the Association when the sewer project was initiated. She thanked those who provided strong support for the success she achieved during her presidency. A framed certificate of appreciation will be presented to Mr. Grossman for his service over several years as Crime Watch Chairman. With his help, CCNA has one of the lowest crime rates in the city.

Election of Officers:

Ms. Marsella presented the slate of officers as follows:

John Vernon Oaks – President

Sandy Marsella – Vice President, Constitution, and By-laws

Nancy Rust - Secretary
Greg Irish - Treasurer

Ms Marsella introduced Committee Chairs as follows:

Crime Watch – Tom Stephans
Health & Hospital/Code Enforcement – Karen Risk
Newsletter Editor – Lara Neal
Newsletter Publisher – Karen Kennedy
Zoning/Land Use – Maynard Cox
Nominating Committee – Heidi Newman
Advisor to Board – Patti Horrigan

Monitors were presented including several new members:

Pennsylvania – Karen Risk
Delaware – Adeline Campbell
Washington Blvd. – Sharon Dillon
Central Av. – Tim & Andrea Danz
Warwick Rd. – Terri Atkinson
Park Av. (93rd to 96th) – Libby Grove
Park Av. (91st to 93rd) – Heidi Newman
Broadway, 93rd, 95th – Janet Cox
College Av. – Anne Attridge
96th Street – Jeff Risser

It was moved and seconded to elect the officers, Monitors, and Committee Chairs by a complete majority.

Guest Speaker

Ms. Horrigan introduced Karen Hamilton, president of the Driftwood Hills Neighborhood Association. The Hamilton's previously lived on Broadway and just after moving into their new home, found out the property at 86th & Haverford between Haverford and Keystone had been approved by the Indianapolis Zoning Commission for development as a Whole Foods location to be built by Kite Development. Ms. Hamilton described how this could impact any neighborhood. The Zoning Commission invalidated the Comprehensive Plan they had formerly adopted. Our own Representative, Jim Bradford, voted to approve the zoning, going against the best interest of neighborhoods. There is now a lawsuit pending by the Association to fight the zoning. Unsure of winning, it is important to make our voices heard. She suggested we Email Whole Foods to suggest they move their planned location to 71 & Binford Ave. where they will be welcomed. However, even if Whole Foods backs out of this location, the way zoning was approved, another huge specialty store would have to be located there. A ripple effect of this zoning could impact everything along 86th Street all the way to Meridian. The Council called their approval "meritorious deviation" when it was approved. It was also suggested letters be sent to the Mayor decrying the actions taken against the Comprehensive Plan. Traffic in and out of the location will be impacted greatly. There will be no egress from 86th Street. Entrance will be off of Haverford. Due to traffic

problems, people will likely turn north to 91st Street, which is narrow with a rural bridge and/or go through the neighborhood to gain access to 86th Street. To fight this takes a great deal of organization and money. Mr. Bradford is running for Trustee against Frank Short who works for Kite. Our issue now is to elect Mr. Bradford to an office where he can do the least harm to us. The situation is very political and even if the case is lost, at least the Association knows they have put pressure on elected and appointed officials to do what they were elected/appointed to do. Email addresses will be given in the newsletter for those who wish to share their opinions. Ms. Ruth Hayes, president of NCC, also spoke out about what is happening and encouraging a letter writing campaign and voting for people who will best represent us.

Ms. Marsella introduced Mr. Oaks, incoming president, and his suggestion for the new motto which was adopted by the Board – “College Commons – An Uncommonly Nice Place to Live”. He suggested we call WIBC while the Mayor is talking and ask the reason the Plan was disregarded. However, since it is being contested in court, he undoubtedly would refuse to answer. He suggested “Readers’ Digest” likes “juicy” items. Mr. Oaks indicated he would serve for 1 year as president, but next year it would be someone else’s turn to take over the leadership. He gave out his Email address for people to contact him, which is jvoaks@sbcglobal.net. He admonished everyone to keep moving and keep doing and keep involved. He thanked everyone for coming.

Ms. Marsella thanked those who volunteered to bring cookies.

Adjournment declared at 8:40 P.M.