

**College Commons Neighborhood Association (CCNA)**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**November 15, 2012**  
**9427 N. Meridian Street, Classroom #1**

**Present:** Connie Jones, President; Tim Jones, Vice President; Terri Atkinson, Secretary/Treasurer; And: Juanita Johnson, Matt Winston, Robert & Carolyn Wente, Jane Williams, Karen Risk, Dennis Horvath, Annie Gallagher, Jamie Bales, Ali Maxwell, Board. Also: 15 neighbors and 1 guest present.

**Absent:** Ann Hall, Mike Maxwell, Gary Williams, Rick Sparks, Robbie MacDonald

Mr. Jones confirmed a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by Mr. Jones at 6:33 p.m.

Mr. Jones thanked everyone for coming and stated that the guest speaker for the evening, Mike Maxwell, was unable to attend due to unexpected work duties.

Reports of Officers and Special Interest Contacts:

- Crime Watch
  - Ms. Maxwell said there have been no significant issues in our CCNA neighborhood or in the adjacent apartment complexes. A few isolated thefts and car break-ins. Tips from the crime watch folks are the usual: lock doors, take important things out of your cars, report suspicious activity immediately to 911 (**Do Not Call the Crime Watch Coordinators first**), turn on outside lights, cut bushes back away from windows.
  - Mr. Winston asked Ms. Maxwell if the officers who patrol our beat are usually the same officers, and if so, could we have them come to one of our crime watch meetings so we can meet them and they can meet us.

**Action:** Ms. Maxwell will mention this to Mr. Maxwell for future meeting consideration.

- Ms. Jones stated that CCNA should plan involvement in the National Night Out Against Crime next August.
- Mr. Wente asked that we re-emphasize the crime watch procedures in our next neighborhood newsletter.
- President
  - We have a snow removal contract signed with Shawn Bales and his Father.
- Secretary/Treasurer
  - Mr. Winston made a motion to dispense with the reading of the 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Ms. Risk. Motion carried. The minutes from the 2011 annual meeting are posted on the CCNA web site.
  - Ms. Atkinson gave the Treasurer Report. A detailed report containing 2012 income and expenses is available to any dues-paying CCNA resident upon request. Ms. Atkinson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion was seconded by Mr. Winston. Motion carried.

- Only 31% of the 320 households in the College Commons Neighborhood have paid their 2012 dues. This has likely occurred because there was an obvious lack of snow last winter.
  - So far there have been no snow removal costs for 2012 but residents need to remember that when we do have a bad winter, we will be using dues collected in one year to pay for snow removal in another.
- Health & Hospital/Code Enforcement/Zoning and Land Use
  - Ms. Risk said that she and Ms. Horrigan attended monthly meetings with code enforcement and continue to give them addresses in our neighborhood to check out.
  - Ms. Risk expressed concern regarding the number of abandoned homes in the neighborhood both for upkeep and possible criminal activity. Ms. Johnson and Ms. Jones suggested as soon as a resident is aware a home has been vacated, notify your neighbors so you can keep eyes on the home.
  - Someone asked the status of the zoning issue for the property at 9040 N. Meridian. Ms. Jones and Ms. Risk responded stating that Nora Community Council (NCC) has filed an appeal. As a result there has been a hearing scheduled downtown on December 5<sup>th</sup>, however the NCC has requested a continuance until January 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will likely be granted. There was discussion regarding the reasons for CCNA's opposition to the proposed land use.
- Web Site
  - Ms. Atkinson said the web site (collegetcommons.org) is kept current with CCNA activities and there is a link to a CCNA calendar on the Home page.
  - Items of current interest are included in 'Posts' on the web site and other Pages on the site are updated frequently. Hopefully all neighbors find the site helpful.

#### Report of the Nominating Committee

- Mr. Winston reported there were no additions to the existing slate of nominees. The slate as presented is the same as our 2011 elected Board of Directors with two changes:
  - Change Central Avenue Street Representative to Fritz Kumb. Mr. Kumb is new to the neighborhood and was introduced at the meeting.
  - Change Warwick Road Street Representative to Ann Hall
- Mr. Winston made a motion to accept the slate as presented above. Mr. Horvath seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Ms. Horrigan stated she had talked with a neighbor, Daniel Harrison, who had expressed interest in becoming involved in CCNA activities and running for a position on the Board.

**Action:** Ms. Jones thanked her for her input and said we would table that issue for the Annual Meeting and discuss it at a future Board meeting.

There was no unfinished business from the last annual meeting.

#### New business to come before the board

- Mike Gibbs asked if anyone had updates on next year's property tax bills. Discussion followed.
- Ms. Atkinson asked when we would be publishing new CCNA directories. Ms. Jones stated we would plan to publish directories by the end of the first quarter 2013.

**Action:** Street Representatives turn in updates to Ms. Atkinson by the end of February.

- Mr. Winston asked if there had more thought given to holding a block party for the neighborhood next Spring. He said he would be glad help coordinate this effort and asked who he would need to work with to ensure we were okay blocking off some of the streets. Ms. Jones said she thought that would be the street department but would get that information back to him.

**Action:** A special committee will be formed early next year to begin planning.

- Mr. Winston also mentioned he still has the 'Kids Dart' signs for people to place in their yards if desired. He stated he would have the neighbors sign them out when they picked up one of the signs because they are no longer available from the city.
- Ms. Horrigan asked, as a matter of interest, who had been in the neighborhood longer than 50 years.
  - Our longest residents in attendance at the meeting were:
    - Ms. Johnson since 1956
    - Ms. Anderson's family since 1959
    - Ms. Horrigan since 1962
  - The newest resident in attendance at the meeting was Mr. Kumb since October 2012

Mr. Winston made a motion for adjournment; second by Ms. Risk. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Yours,



Terri Atkinson, Secretary/Treasurer