

**College Commons Neighborhood Association (CCNA)**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**November 6, 2014**  
**9247 N. Meridian Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom**

**Present:** Connie Jones, President; Tim Jones, Vice President; Terri Atkinson, Secretary/Treasurer; And: Matt Winston, Bob and Carolyn Wente, Dennis Horvath, Rick Sparks, Jane Williams, Karen Risk, Juanita Johnson, , Board. Also: 11 neighbors and 1 guest present.

**Absent:** John Vernon Oaks, Robbie MacDonald, Gary Williams, James Williams, Jeffrey Tabler, Fritz Kumb

Prior to the Annual Meeting being called to order, there was an informative presentation regarding property crimes by Ms. Jennifer Jones, Marion County Deputy Prosecutor, 317-327-5606.

- Property crime info
  - The top five most common items stolen in property crimes are electronics, jewelry, cash, prescription drugs and guns.
  - Burglars usually strike during the day and are only in the home 4-7 minutes, when the home is empty.
    - What does a burglar look like? Mostly male, 17-25 years old. Someone you don't recognize or possibly someone coming to your door trying to sell you something – a person with a clipboard walking home-to-home during the day when, generally, no one is home.
- How can we protect our property and ourselves?
  - The best neighbor is a nosy neighbor. Be familiar with those around you so you know when something looks out-of-place.
  - When you purchase new items, don't set the box out with the trash advertising you made a new purchase. Cut up the box and put it in the trash can.
  - Don't leave your electronics or jewelry boxes out in the open so they can be seen through the windows or doors.
  - Make sure your home looks occupied. Put lights and TVs on timers when possible.
  - Alarm system – have one and USE it both day and night.
  - Dogs are good deterrents.
  - When people knock on your door, you can let them know you're home without opening the door. Leave your TV on so the noise can be heard or say something through the door like, thank you but I'm not interested. It's best to let them know you're home rather than to ignore them.
  - Don't post information or pictures on social media announcing that you're going, or are on, vacation.
  - Make sure you have a clear view outside your windows – burglars do not like to be seen
  - Crime prevention is about layering – the more you can do the better
  - Make sure you have more than one way to call 911 or to alert neighbors you may be in trouble
  - **“See something, say something”**

Mr. Jones confirmed a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m.

Report of the Secretary/Treasurer

- Ms. Williams made a motion to dispense with the reading of the 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Ms. Risk. Motion carried. The minutes from the 2013 annual meeting are posted on the CCNA web site.
- Ms. Atkinson gave the Treasurer Report. A detailed report containing 2014 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.

- 51% of the 320 households in the College Commons Neighborhood paid their 2014 dues.
- Major expenses for 2014 were for snow removal and newsletters.
- Mr. Sparks asked how long dues had been set at \$15. Ms. Atkinson responded that dues had been \$15 for some years even prior to her becoming Secretary/Treasurer – so quite some time. Mr. Sparks wondered if dues should be raised to \$20 because of the possible expense of snow removal and the fact that only 51% of the homes had paid 2014 dues. After some discussion, Mr. Jones proposed the item be tabled until the next CCNA Board meeting.
- Mr. Sparks asked if we had a snow removal contract for the 2014-2015 winter season. Ms. Jones stated that Jamie Bales, Shawn Bales and his Father will continue to plow our streets for the upcoming winter season. If any neighbors are interested in driveway plowing, please contact Ms. Jones for our contractors' contact information.

#### Report of the Nominating Committee

- Mr. Jones as Nominating Committee Chair presented the slate as the current Officers and Board members plus an additional Special Interest position of Social Director recommending Juanita Johnson hold that position.
- Mr. Horvath made a motion to accept the Officers and Board member slate as presented. Mr. Sparks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Jones noted the following:

- CCNA has a new Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison – Mary Chalmers, 317-833-4530.
- Board member John Vernon Oaks fell and broke his knee. Mr. Jones asked that we keep him in our thoughts.
- Marion County leaf collection will be from 11/10 – 12/5
- There were new neighbors in attendance and they were introduced
- Ms. Atkinson stated the Association plans to publish an updated CCNA Directory in early 2015. Street Representatives will be contacting all neighbors on the streets they represent to ensure we have the most current contact information possible for each home.

There was no unfinished business or new business to come before the Board.

Mr. Kubit made a motion for adjournment; second by Mr. Winston. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Yours,



Terri Atkinson, Secretary/Treasurer