

College Commons Neighborhood Association (CCNA)
Annual Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2013
9427 N. Meridian Street, Classroom #1

Present: Connie Jones, President; Tim Jones, Vice President; Terri Atkinson, Secretary/Treasurer; And: Matt Winston, Robert Wente, Dennis Horvath, Fritz Kumb, Rick Sparks, Jane Williams, Karen Risk, James Williams, Juanita Johnson, Daniel Harrison, Board. Also: 11 neighbors and 2 guests present.

Absent: Carolyn Wente, Robbie MacDonald, Annie Gallagher, Gary Williams

Mr. Jones confirmed a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by Mr. Jones at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Jones thanked everyone for coming and stated that the guest speaker for the evening, Ms. Jennifer Jones from the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, had been delayed. In addition, Ms. Connie Jones stated we were expecting a visit from the new Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison, Ms. Helen Jackson, to introduce herself and say a few words. She had also been delayed. Mr. Jones said we would move forward with the annual meeting and break for Ms. Jennifer Jones and Ms. Jackson once they arrived.

Reports of Officers and Special Interest Contacts:

- Secretary/Treasurer
 - Mr. Winston made a motion to dispense with the reading of the 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Oaks. Motion carried. The minutes from the 2012 annual meeting are posted on the CCNA web site.
 - Ms. Atkinson gave the Treasurer Report. A detailed report containing 2013 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. Horvath. Motion carried.
 - 54% of the 320 households in the College Commons Neighborhood paid their 2013 dues.
 - Major expenses for 2013 were for snow removal and for directories, newsletters and web site fees.
- President
 - No report
 - Mr. Sparks asked if we had a snow removal contract for the 2013-2014 season. Ms. Connie Jones stated that Shawn Bales and his Father will continue to plow our streets for the upcoming winter season.
- Health & Hospital/Code Enforcement/Zoning and Land Use
 - Ms. Risk said that she and Ms. Horrigan attended monthly meetings throughout the year with Code Enforcement and continue to give them addresses in our neighborhood to check out for possible violations.
 - Ms. Risk and Ms. Horrigan are currently working with city officials on one specific issue but beyond that, our neighborhood is in pretty good shape.

Break from Annual Meeting to Introduce Ms. Helen Jackson, Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison for our area

- Ms. Jackson introduced herself and distributed business cards including her cell phone and email address. She has been a neighborhood liaison for a year but had just been moved from her prior liaison position to liaison for Pike Township and part of Washington Township on November 4th. Her job is to help these community residents and business owners with any issues we might have.
- Ms. Jackson took names and email addresses from those who would like to receive e-blasts from her office containing helpful information. She also provided information about the upcoming Mayor's Night Out for Pike Township, but anyone is welcome to attend.

Reports of Officers and Special Interest Contacts (continued):

- Crime Watch
 - Mr. Harrison reported that he had not been contacted with any crime alert issues since early in the year.
 - Mr. Jones reminded everyone to call 911 if they see anything that looks the least bit suspicious.
- Web Site
 - No report

Break from Annual Meeting Ms. Jennifer Jones' from the Marion County Prosecutor's Office Presentation

- Ms. Jennifer Jones has been a Prosecutor for nine years. She is a member of the Multi-Jurisdictional Offender Strategy Team (M.O.S.T.) and provided property crime prevention tips to the group. Below is a summary of her presentation.
 - Property crime info
 - The three most common items stolen in property crimes are electronics, jewelry and prescription drugs.
 - Burglars usually strike during the day and are only in the home 5-8 minutes, when the home is empty.
 - What does a burglar look like? 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 property?
 - The best neighbor is a nosy neighbor. Be familiar with those around you so you know when something looks out-of-place.
 - Neighborhood meetings or social gatherings are a good place to get to know your neighbors.
 - 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 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. Burglars have told prosecutors it's the noise of the alarm that scares them because it alerts the neighbors. Motion detectors are important and if you have a second story, make sure the second story windows are alarmed.
- Dogs are good deterrents.
- Burglars are now coming to homes saying they need help - they've run out of gas, can't afford diapers for children - or they say they're utility workers needing access to something inside.
 - 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.
 - If you're not expecting a utility worker, tell them they will need to make an appointment and come back.
- Don't post information or pictures on Facebook announcing that you're going, or are on, vacation.
- Be careful what you type of information you post in an obituary and try to have someone sit at your home while you're attending the funeral.
- Don't keep your garage door opener in your car while at the movies or playing golf.
- Ms. Jennifer Jones provided Marking Kits for those interested. It includes a form to use to inventory your property, a UV marking pin and a window cling that shows your property has been marked by IMPD.
- Home invasions information and protection tips
 - Normally burglars want to hit your home when you're not there. That's what makes home invasions so frightening.
 - Make sure you have a way to call 911 wherever you are in the house.
 - Other items you can keep near you to make noise so neighbors may hear: home alarms sometimes have panic buttons for the bedroom; automobile key fobs many times have a panic button that can be used to make noise.
- Ms. Jennifer Jones opened the meeting up for questions
 - Mr. Winston asked if Ms. Jennifer Jones knew if they would be giving the North District more IMPD help in light of the recent home invasions in that area. Ms. Jennifer Jones said that would really be a question for IMPD.
 - Mr. Horvath asked if there was a way to crack down on the people who buy scrap metal. Ms. Jennifer Jones stated that there is no way to prove that they are buying stolen scrap metal, but there is a new state statute that went into effect in July 2013 that helps by requiring proof of HVAC license and/or proof of purchase to sell scrap metals and catalytic converters.

Report of the Nominating Committee

- Mr. Jones as Nominating Committee Chair reported that efforts were made to recruit Nominating Committee members with no success; and that efforts were made to find additional nominees for Officer and Board positions but no one expressed interest. Mr. Jones recommended the current Officers and Board members as the slate.

- Mr. Horvath made a motion to accept the Officers and Board member slate as presented. Mr. Sparks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- There was one item still open from the 2012 Annual Meeting. There was a request made at the 2012 meeting to set up a meeting with the IMPD officers who patrol our neighborhood so we could meet them and they could meet us. This meeting has not yet been established.
 - Mr. Harrison stated the officers who patrol our area seem to change every couple of months. It might be better to wait to schedule a meeting with them if, at some point, the assigned officers remain static.
 - If the Board decides to pursue this at a future meeting, a new action item will be established. This 2012 Annual Meeting action item is considered closed.

New business

- There was none to come before the Board.

Mr. Oaks made a motion for adjournment; second by Mr. Horvath. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Yours,



Terri Atkinson, Secretary/Treasurer