

Story Preservation Association

February Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2011
Kenilworth School

Members Present

Louisa Stark
Gary Hochstetler
Earlene McDonald
Diego Delgadillo
Bob Croft
Kim Jennings

Guests

Steven Methvin

Members Absent *(*indicated Excused)*

Kim Krejca
Corianne Sizemore

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm.

Introductions: SPA members and guests introduced themselves. Louisa reported there would be no CAO officers present this month.

Community Action Officer (CAO) Reports:

- North
 - New Issues
 - Officer Smith is looking into the house at 11th Ave. and Culver. She is working with NSD on the problem. Julie also let Louisa know about the problem that occurred on the 1300 block of Willetta. Xandon explained what had happened over the weekend with the man who broke into a house and was later arrested.
 - Earlene reported that 1104 Willetta had their catalytic converter stolen. She said that it took less than three minutes to steal.
- South
 - Follow-up
 - Louisa has asked the CAO to come at least every other meeting as opposed to quarterly.

Meeting Minutes:

- January meeting minutes were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Xandon, and seconded by Gary. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Treasurers Report

- A motion to accept the treasurer's report for January as presented was made by Bob, and seconded by Xandon. The motion was approved on a voice vote.
- Gary is working with Sharon to finalize the numbers from the Home Tour.

Committees Reports

- Blockwatch
 - We did not file for a grant for this upcoming year. Susan reported we had some money from the current grant reallocated for signs.
- Home Tour
 - Home Tour committee had a wrap up meeting. They talked about what to change and improve on for next year.

- Welcoming
 - One new person moved in this past month. Kim K. has also offered to help Diane with distribution of the packets. Diane has packets if anyone needs one.
- Traffic
 - No report this month.

General Business

- *Visual Award*
 - Visual award for April was presented to 1313 W Portland.
- New Business / Announcements / Other Business
 - Vacant Properties - Louisa has received calls regarding potential crimes at vacant properties. Sharon suggested listing addresses of vacant houses in Storytime. Louisa suggested an article in Storytime telling people to take note of vacant properties and give them numbers to call in case of seeing any suspicious activities.
 - 7th Avenue Landscaping - Steve M. came to the meeting to talk about landscaping along 7th Ave. Steve wrote a letter to our councilman about the landscaping. ADOT owns the property, but the city of Phoenix is responsible for maintenance. Steve from public works at the city said they would replace the water system and submitted a plan for the landscaping. Plants will be planted once the frost season is over.
 - Solid Waste - Diane H. has been having problems with the trash in the alley behind her house. It seems that there are not enough cans in her area. Louisa received a call from NSD that a city subcommittee was going to consider curbside pickup at a meeting tomorrow. There is a recommendation in place for phasing curbside pickup, a neighborhood opt-in program, or a fee system for keeping alley pickup. Louisa will attend the meeting to represent the neighborhood. Bob made a motion to have Louisa represent the neighborhood at the meeting stating that we are against this. Gary seconded the motion.
 - Story Website - Susan handed out pages of the website that need to be updated. Members discussed how to best update the website. Louisa suggested hiring a person to redesign the website. Bob suggested contacting Pat first. Louisa suggested forming a subcommittee with Joe, Susan, Bob, and Xandon to further explore what needs to be done with the website.
 - New Members - Susan has asked Milt Jacobs to come to a meeting.
 - Paint Sprayer - Bob Anderson has reported that one of our neighborhood paint sprayers needs to be repaired. Bob A. has said that it is about \$500 to repair. Louisa suggested getting another bid. Gary suggested reallocating some money from the Blockwatch grant to pay for this.
 - Light Rail - Western spur will be extended to Maryvale and will go near the state capitol. There is a push to have light rail down to McDowell and the Fairgrounds and then down to the capitol.

Adjournment:

- A Motion to adjourn was made by Bob, and seconded by Susan. The motion was carried, and meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.