

Woodburn Association of Neighbors
Meeting Minutes
Sunday, January 28, 2007, 6:00 PM
Crosley's Banquet Center

Attendees: Paul Atkins, Sarah Beamer, Barbara Caraballo, Hector Caraballo, Susan Eason, Mark Furfari, Joel Halverson, Detective Hennessee, Ron Justice, A. Graham Kenneweg, Julie Lattanzi, Bob Merow, Anne Miller, Paul Miller, Marion Ohlinger, Tamara Riegel, Louise Taft, Cheryl Torsney, Buffy Vehse, Nathan Vehse, Karen Woodfork.

1. Susan Eason welcomed everyone and presided.
 - She presented as a guideline that we should try to keep the meeting to no more than an hour and a half.
 - Rather than sign in, attendees were asked to fill out a brief information form and pay dues of \$5/adult to Anne Miller
 - Attendees introduced themselves.
2. Minutes from the October 22, 2006 meeting were approved.
3. Susan Eason presented candidates for officers. These candidates were: Susan Eason, President; Joel Halverson, Vice President; Anne Miller, Treasurer; Paul Miller, Secretary. Ron Justice moved to accept the slate of officers. Officers were elected by vote.
4. Planning for spring events:
 - Clean-up Day
 - Date of 4/21/2007 was selected to coincide with Earth Day and the BoParc cleanup effort.
 - BoParc will provide bags and other supplies.
 - Suggestions: Focus on the park and the school. (Woodburn School has its own beautification day.) Involve boy/girl scouts. Post a sign-up sheet for the clean up in the Fishbowl.
 - Social Day
 - Date of 5/19/2007 was tentatively selected to avoid the Cheat River Festival, WVU Graduation, and Mother's Day.
 - Suggestions: Have a potluck at Woodburn Elementary. Renting the school would provide bathroom access. The police or fire department could provide kids' programs (DARE, police dogs, puppet shows, etc.). The library has resources such as DVD players if we are rained out.
 - Yard Sale Day
 - Susan described the yard sale last year, coordinated by Julie Zuercher.
 - Suggestions: Unsold items could be transported and donated.
 - Suggested date: 1st weekend of June.
 - Open ideas for social activities
 - Mark Furfari—the Whitmore Park hillside would be a nice natural amphitheater if the hillside were groomed.
 - A back-to-school event was suggested.

5. Updates

- Blue line parking. Paul Miller/Ron Justice.
 - How it works: The request goes before the traffic commission, who calls a public meeting. (Next opportunity: first week of March.) All blue line requests have been enacted.) Rules vary by location. South Park is restricted in the daytime, while lower Evansdale is restricted in the evening. Each household is granted two passes plus a visitor pass.
 - Potential problems were brought up. First, why are we considering this before the building is built? Suggestions: We know the building is coming and, if we delay action, apartment residents will have a greater opportunity to reduce protection of existing parking. Second, what if the blue line actually allows apartment residents more parking? Suggestion: We need to carefully define the zone in the request so that this doesn't happen.
 - Cheryl Torsney and Joel Halverson will spend some time on this issue.
- Woodburn School Update. Susan Eason.
 - Beautification Day will occur in the spring; the centennial is upcoming.
 - Playground equipment is being rearranged from the closed schools. Priority will go to the new schools, then perhaps some can be relocated to city parks. (Ron Justice)
- Woodburn Sign Update. Jamie Lester.
 - Signs will be at Davis Beauty Spot and on Roger Mayer's property on Charles.
 - Slow progress, but progress. Wood is being glued up.
 - Early spring installation planned.
- Downtown development/R1 and R1A Zoning. Susan Eason/Ron Justice.
 - Post Office location is the key; expected to use building at end of the High Street bridge.
 - Old P.O. expected to become county building.
 - City working on a 10-year master plan, starting to outgrow City Building. Looking at Public Safety Building for expansion space.
 - Public can still attend meetings; see WAN blog for times and dates.

6. Crime Report. Detective Hennessee from Morgantown Police Department.

- Summary of the Snyder armed robbery.
- Importance of neighborhood vigilance emphasized.
- Ways to protect your property listed.
- Discussion of the red truck selling meat. (Cheryl Torsney.)

7. Other Business

- Mark Furfari shared concerns about the Dairy Mart as focus for potential trouble such as vandalism and drug activity as the nearby housing deteriorates.

8. Next meeting set for March 11, 4:00 pm.