

ROOSEVELT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES

DATE: 7-26-09 - Exec plus others – planning session

TIME CALLED TO ORDER: 6:45 p.m.

TIME ADJOURNED: 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Peace Lutheran Church

PRESENT: Martha Berryhill, Ken Enockson, Rick Holbrook, Sandy Holbrook, Pam Jacobson, Robert Legowski, Teresa McMullen, Amy Rand, Kathryn Von Bank, Anita Welch, Kevin Welch

CHAIR: Amy Rand, president

NOTES RECORDED BY: Sandy Holbrook, secretary

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION CONCLUSION	RECOMMENDATIONS OR ACTIONS	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE
Review/Evaluate 2008-09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single issue year – UMU and land use plan – that focus was both a PRO and CON about this last year's RNA activity. • Other PROs: • New visibility and clout with the City Planning staff. • Good gardening program at spring RNA meeting. • Soup supper was good social event. • New faces/members. • Very good relationship with the school. • CONs: • Struggle with finances and with membership numbers • No grant from NDSU for the coming year. 		
Hopes and Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observation: Interesting that people don't know the name of their neighborhood. • Money available through the City for projects (Mahli) • Give visibility to neighborhood through signage at entrance to neighborhood • Overall beautification in the neighborhood. • Yard signs for members – maybe in connection with PTAs/school(s). • Get more landscaping/flowers located throughout the neighborhood. Service project for Boy Scouts or other similar organizations for beautification. • Work on curb appeal in the neighborhood • Provide incentives to improve appearance of properties. • Give recognition for people who have attractive yards, gardens, etc. - could even be materials for an article in the Forum. • Identify other service projects to get people in the neighborhood involved. • Can we find people to help with lawn care, snow removal, etc., for elderly home owners or home owners with disabilities? 	<p>Fund raising ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hornbacher's brat's stand • Community rummage sale – RNA • Bremer Foundation might be a source for funding the newsletter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rain gardens – a possibility for grant funding and beautification 	<p>Von Bank offered to work on membership by contacting businesses for membership.</p> <p>Welch (Anita) offered to work on the newsletter.</p> <p>Pam will work a bit on the neighborhood beautification piece and get ideas from an architect she mentioned.</p> <p>Rick (& Sandy) will work with Bud to update web site; Amy will facilitate getting together.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage home owners to communicate about concerns with those who are not “good neighbors” and/or the landlords – that’s part of being good neighbor. Issue: Do people have the skills to do this appropriately? • Need to get acquainted with those who live next to us – make ourselves known – learn the names, etc. • Identify potential donors to the RNA - anyone we could appeal to? • School wants new sign board – could we work together on that? Is the City a possible source of support for that? • Give some feedback (a thank you) to Bjornson’s for their colorful and attractive plantings. • Member drive – and include the businesses in the neighborhood • Membership cards for RNA members and then get neighborhood businesses to give a modest (5%) discount to those who are RNA members. • New neighbor welcome – letter to anyone who buys a house in the neighborhood and membership information. • Couple the fall newsletter with the Good Neighbor effort to get newsletter delivered • Connect with new students 		
Specific projects for the coming year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship with NDSU/Foundation – a “HAVE TO” thing – • (Keep the relationship with the City going) • Neighborhood promotion/marketing • Member drive • Community beautification • Apply for grants/non-profit status <p>City related project ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic issues • Efforts to rezone/downzone • Projects with City (NRI loans, foreclosures) • Work with City on parking • Code enforcement (over-occupancy) • Garbage and litter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be sure we’re represented at appropriate city hearings/meetings • Get City Commissioner who has the portfolio for code enforcement??? to come to a meeting. And someone who can give us info about garbage enforcement. • Have forum type meeting – write questions out or have them submitted before a meeting so they can be addressed appropriately. 	Relationship with NDSU/Foundation: Amy, Ken and Jim
Newsletter – what to do for fall?		Copy of old newsletter to Anita so she can see.	Amy and Anita
Calendar	See calendar for details		

RNA Calendar for August 2009 – July 2010

Month/Date	Event/Activity
August - Tuesday, 25th	Exec meeting to follow-up on 7/26 meeting plans/ideas 7-8pm (at Theresa's?) Back to school night – RNA presence (Martha and Amy) we think 5-7 pm
September - Tuesday, 22nd September, Wed. 23rd	Business meeting (with opportunity for City Planning to update briefly on Land Use Plan status) Good Neighbor Campaign with NDSU students. Please plan to attend!
October – Tuesday 27th	Program with NDSU and NDSU Foundation and perhaps City folks, too?
November – Tuesday 24th	Business meeting
December ?????	Cookie exchange with HMANA?
January - Tuesday 26th	Issue Forum – City reps re: traffic or garbage or code enforcement including possibility of appropriate City Commissioners
February – Tuesday 23rd	Soup event/social
March – Tuesday 23rd	Business meeting; identify officer nominees
April – Tuesday 27th	Program – pre-election – city commission candidates, others?
May – Tuesday 25th	Business meeting
June	Picnic – date???
July	Break month – vacation