

ROOSEVELT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MINUTES

DATE: 10/23/07

TIME CALLED TO ORDER:

6:35 Exec. 7:00 General

TIME ADJOURNED:

8:00

LOCATION:

Roosevelt School

PRESENT: Jane Vangsness, Josh Boschee, Ken E. Jim L., Amy R, Martha B., Sigma Nu reps (three), Officer Moser (FPD), Harvey (?)

CHAIR: Ken E.

NOTES RECORDED BY: Amy Rand, secretary

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION CONCLUSION	RECOMMENDATIONS OR ACTIONS
EXECUTIVE COMM. MTG:		
Last month's Action Items	Susie not present – waiting to hear update from her on non-profit status	
	Martha has followed up with Kate Benson @ Fargo Parks—no action yet, but she is aware of our interest.	Martha will drop of NDSU student designs for park
	Letter to Chapman: no action yet. Consensus: Let's make it a priority Ideas—rental conversion issues, need for commuter student office, info. from police re: increases in activity over past years, ask for an NDSU rep. (eg. "Meritcare style") to attend mtgs. and act as liaison, parking (T-lot etc.) – that there is NOT an excess of parking available.	Agreement that we should get a draft going – no indication of who/where/when
	Concerns about NDSU Foundation properties – maintenance, etc	Amy will do some background "sleuthing" on foundation, members, responsibilities, etc.etc.
Treasurer's Report	Checkbook: \$2,876.72	
General Meeting:		
Good Neighbor Campaign	Josh and Jane shared the materials and plan for the Good Neighbor Campaign happening tomorrow (Oct. 24). The event has grown significantly with attendance expected to be high plus a forum, social time, and media following the event back at NDSU	-Jim will represent RNA at the Panel Discussion -Amy will distribute extra door hangers around her block
Sigma Nu Event	Jay Kothmann announced can drive for Emer. Food Pantry on Oct. 30 th . Members of the fraternity will be canvassing neighborhood for donations.	Amy will send email alert to all members so people are aware that it's coming (jay.kothman@ndsu.edu)
Re-zoning Possibilities	Ken and Jim attended an exploratory meeting with Dawn and Mark Williams (city planning) to discuss the possibilities/concerns/advantages to proposing rezoning (10 block area of the neighborhood) to the Planning Commission. Hearty discussion about the advantage/disadvantages ensued with a general feeling of "cautious support" from those present. We agreed that the changes might help with lessening the pressures faced by the eastern part of the	Ken and Jim will continue as contacts and attend appropriate mtgs.

	neighborhood and might also increase resale potential for those in the targeted area. Other ideas – downzoning other parts of the neighborhood at the same time, incorporating requirements for greens, space, parking, min./max. occupancy, design style	
Tracking Calls by Residents	At the previous mtg. there had been an idea to log/track calls to inspections in order to build a case demonstrating their unresponsiveness. Discussion followed as to how this might be done (logistically) and including what info. No consensus as to who/how but agreement that such a log could prove useful in moving beyond just anecdotal info. about neighborhood problems and interactions with city/police. Ken: we need “face time” with the different reps. From city/NDSU/police, etc. so we can be more effective advocates	
Proposal	There was a suggestion to host another venue/forum ala lasts year’s w/ NDSU students/ reps staff. No discussion of action but feeling that increased interactions with students is positive (eg. Sigma Nu attending)	
Next Mtg- Nov. 27th		