

## Original Northwood Association Board Meeting

### Meeting Minutes: November 8, 2017

**Present:** Jess Kupper, Mary Stevenson, Katrina Raysor, Lindsey Henley, Scott Purnell-Saunders, Anthony Thomas, Jill Lemke (Absent: Oana Brooks, Stephen Travers)

1. **Convened 7:15 pm**
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Tabled until everyone has a chance to review.
3. **President's Report (Jess):** Jess submitted a written President's Report, and we discussed the following:
  - Recent Crime Issues: An ONA meeting with Major Shorter was scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Northeast District HQ. A November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting is taking place with other NED communities. The Northeast District officers have run sweeps of the neighborhood checking for unlocked cars, and have found an alarming number of them. When an unlocked vehicle is identified, they leave a notice on the windshield. This is a problem because when thieves get lucky once, they are more likely to keep coming back for what they see as easy targets. Jess is working on exploring options for new lighting, including the City (w/ Mary Pat Clarke and Ryan Dorsey) and grants. She will work with Oana and the safety committee as we move forward.
  - GNCA Proposals and Common Area Improvements: Our project proposals include mulching around the ONA signs and a new sign at Havenwood and Loch Raven. We can apply for projects that benefit the whole neighborhood.
  - Upcoming Communications: The newsletter should go out in December (Winter Edition); can include an introduction to the new board and a plug for dues payment. Since dues payment includes a membership form, can we get a list of paid members and their contact information? It was also suggested that we consider another round of block gatherings to generate paid members and get people more interested in participating.
4. **Vice President's Report (Scott)**
  - GNCA Update: Outreach and participation in the GNCA is still very low. There were 12 people at the annual meeting out of approximately 3,000 homes. They are working on increasing the dues since that hasn't been done in decades. Jess offered to get information on the % of dues collection.
  - Operations Discussion: Scott is hoping to increase engagement between the two groups, with larger projects and events, including something like the Waverly fair. He also discussed assisting safety and communication with the NED. We also discussed the possibility of reinstating COPS style neighborhood walks in the future.
  - New Neighbors: We need to figure out an automated way of identifying when properties go on the market, and when they sell so that covenant community information can be shared with realtors and potential buyers.
5. **Covenant Committee Report (Mary S.):**

Mary distributed a written report and the board discussed the following:

- Applications: Discussed recent application actions, including 1105 Argonne (denied), 1305 Southview (windows, approved), 1216 Roundhill,(deck work, approved) and 1307 Southview (slate roof, new application). Covenant clearance issues were discussed for 1240 Northview.
  - Violations: Current properties with violation notices discussed included 4023 The Alameda, 4212 Kelway (Resolved), 4051 The Alameda, 4124 Westview, 1310 Southview, and 3900 Deepwood.
  - Maintenance issues: Mary requested that board members walk the neighborhood and record any potential violations as we see them.
6. **Communications Committee Report** (Lindsey)
- Newsletter: Discussed process for newsletter outreach and solicitation of content, with a goal of getting the newsletter out by December 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Other Ideas: Disussed the idea of doing more frequent e-news blasts and fewer paper copy newsletters, as well as a possible holiday cookbook with favorite recipes submitted by neighbors.
7. **Maintenance and Housing Committee Report** (Jess)
- Discussed the cleanup organized in conjunction with the Mayor’s community cleanup effort. Although only six participated, they were able to get a lot of work done, including work around the sign at Argonne and the Alameda.
8. **Safety Committee Report** (No updates beyond what was discussed under President and Vice President reports)
9. **Social Activities Committee Report** (Katrina)
- Future events: Discussed planning for a Wine and Cheese social and the annual Holiday Party. Still seeking dates and host locations.
  - Past events: Discussed the successful Oktoberfest gathering which brought in \$85 in “suggested donations” and guests reported having a wonderful time.
  - Other ideas: Discussed the possibility of host thank you gifts, a Whiskey & Cigars event, and recruiting for the committee.
10. **Treasurer’s Report** (Anthony)
- Anthony submitted a written treasurer’s report and noted that in September and October we had 9 more dues paying members.
11. Other Business: None
12. Adjourn: 9:05 pm