

Northgate Block Watch Quarterly Meeting Minutes (Q1, 2012)

Tuesday, January 10, 6:30pm

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by the President; 8 people in attendance

Topic on Crime - President

Discussed crimes happening in our neighborhood; truck parked in area just north of our neighborhood that someone may be living in; homeless people living in a "fort" in that area as well. This is to be reported to our Community Action Officer. Graffiti situation has improved; have not needed to cover any lately.

General BW Income/Expense report - President

Treasurer reported approximate balance.

Safety Committee - Safety Chairperson

All areas now covered for delivery of newsletters/flyers. Discussed inquiry about new size newsletter ad that is larger than one business card; decided to charge \$35 for one issue or \$100 for four.

Communication Committee – President

Our previous Communications Chair was unable to continue in that capacity. Duties will be split up. Alphagraphics did the last newsletter design and will continue to do it. President will continue to solicit articles/items for newsletter content. Safety Chair will continue to cover newsletter advertising. Four residents are keeping up our Facebook page. We decided to update website editor access, as some previous residents have moved. We also need additional people to keep/maintain e-mail list – will ask another resident/volunteer to do this. We discussed removing the blog on our website due to our lack of time to oversee.

Beautification Committee – Beautification Chairperson

Discussed concerns about the new soda machine by the pool; could invite vandalism.

2011 Grant Update - Vice President/Grant Signer

Covered the amount we have spent so far. We need to transfer some remaining funds to spend where needed.

2012 Grant Update - President

Grant application due Feb 3. We will ask for storage locker fees, newsletter design/printing, event flyer & event sign printing & facility usage fees. That amount will be asked for in our grant for 2012.

Elections - President

Two year election cycle means the election should be held at our April meeting. It was decided to delay that until our July meeting, as the April meeting will be held on a Saturday and on our premises (Basketball Court, 9:00am, April 14th) to provide an opportunity for more people to attend. We will invite our Community Action Officer to speak, etc.

Committee Structure Change

It was proposed to re-vamp the committee structure and just have a Chair for each emphasis and/or activity (Safety, Communications, Beautification, plus event Chairs); with each action that needs to be conducted by these Chairs, an e-mail would be sent to our whole e-mail list asking for help (such as seeking out newsletter content, graffiti removal, help with events, etc.). With our current workload, it was approved to do this.

Upcoming Events - President

Pancake Breakfast/Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 31. Garage Sale will be held Friday 7 Saturday, April 20 and 21; the same Chairs who went ahead with these events last year will do them again this year. A resident will be in charge of the Pet Parade (charity dog walk). The Chairs and residents involved in these events will meet to cover details in February.

Next meeting – Saturday, April 14th, 9:00am at the Basketball Court; donuts/drinks to be provided

Meeting adjourned 7:54pm

Respectfully submitted,

Northgate Block Watch Secretary