

May 2009 Meeting Minutes

The Leadership Team met May 13, 2009 in the Community Room at Southgate Mall.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Those present:

- Matt Baldassin
- Ann Carpenter
- Ed Childers
- Hans Christiansen
- John Cuplin
- Ryan Sutherland
- Erik West

Mr. Sutherland read the minutes from the previous meeting and Mr. Baldassin made a motion to approve the minutes as available on the website. Mr. Christiansen seconded and all voted in favor. Any corrections to the minutes should be sent to Mr. Sutherland via email (sgtriangle@gmail.com).

Mr. West gave the Treasurer's Report. It is as follows:

There is \$253.57 remaining in the General Budget and \$0 in the Mail Supplement

Mr. Sutherland made a motion to accept the report as presented and Mr. Christiansen seconded. All voted in favor.

We then spent a few moments discussing the role of the treasurer as an introduction to Mr. West.

We moved on to discuss some Old Business

Mr. Baldassin gave an update about the park pet. We discussed placement of the pet and Mr. Sutherland thought it would be cool to put it on the southeast corner where the kids wait for the bus. Mr. Childers thought this was a great idea and it should face the corner.

An estimate for installing the pet is around \$500. Mr. Christiansen mentioned that he spoke with the city treasurer about this very issue and there is not much money left in the neighborhood system. If there is any money left, he's pretty sure the treasurer can get it for us.

Mr. Baldassin made a motion to install the park pet in the southeast corner (assuming Park & Rec can put it there) facing the traffic circle. Mr. Sutherland seconded and all voted in favor. Mr. Christiansen made a motion that we designate the rest of our budget (\$253.57) towards the anticipated cost of the installation. Mr. West seconded and all voted in favor. Mr. Christiansen is going to speak with the treasurer to try and secure the additional funds needed. Mr. Baldassin will speak with Ms. Donna Gaukler of Park & Rec to try and secure the actual cost and date of the installation.

We also discussed the survey results and tried to consider what some of the big issues were in the neighborhood. Barking dogs, parking recreational vehicles on the street, and speeding. Mr. Childers mentioned that there is a dog barking complaint form that he will email to Mr. Sutherland to post on the website.

We discussed whether there were any projects worth doing in the near future and Mr. Christiansen thinks that we should continue to pursue park improvements.

Mr. Baldassin wondered how we handle concerns (like barking dogs and illegal parking) that already have regulations or ordinances in place (but aren't being enforced)? Is it the responsibility of the Leadership Team to police the neighborhood? Mr. Childers' opinion was that we should try and address the issues that people are concerned about. He also encouraged us to send our survey results to the mayor and Chief Administrative Officer of the city so that our neighborhood concerns are heard.

Mr. Sutherland made a motion that he will take the surveys and compile the results and create a letter both for the website and to send the city. At the next meeting we will review the letter and the data and make any changes and identify a more tangible project going forward.

We began a discussion of New Business:

We also discussed the proposal by Franklin to the Fort at the General Meeting. After some discussion we realized that we weren't real sure what FtF was trying to gain by changing the boundaries. Mr. Christiansen made a motion that we table this item until the school district finishes their restructure and until FtF comes back with some additional information. Mr. West seconded and all voted in favor.

Mr. Sutherland asked about a discussion we began in January concerning a name change of our monthly meetings as well as the format - less structure and more discussion. None of us were really sure what the advantages of the change might be (or the procedure for changing it). We decided to table this discussion.

Mr. Sutherland made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Christiansen seconded. We adjourned at 8:55 PM.