

June Meeting Minutes

The Leadership Team met on June 10, 2009 at the Southgate Mall Community Room.

The chairman was not able to be present so Mr. Christiansen called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM. Those present:

- Ann Carpenter
- Hans Christiansen
- John Cuplin
- Ryan Sutherland
- Erik West

Mr. Sutherland read the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. West made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Cuplin seconded. All voted to accept them as available on the website. 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: Essentially we have a zero balance, but the neighborhood office did not have a formal report for us. We will be broke until the city approves the budget. Mr. Sutherland made a motion to accept the report as presented and Mr. Cuplin 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 We discussed the updated information about the park pet. We were unclear about the correspondence Mr. Baldassin has had with Park & Rec. We decided to table setting a date for the work day until July's meeting so we have time to clarify what the work day includes. Mr. Christiansen volunteered to contact Park & Rec (Scott VanOmmeren) to get some clarification.

We also discussed the survey results and tried to consider what some of the big issues were in the neighborhood. We spent some time trying to compile all the things about the neighborhood that people have issues with. The top two issues were:

1. Barking Dogs
2. Street issues (parking, speeding, traffic, rough roads, snow removal, cleanup, street signs)

We discussed council involvement concerning these issues. For the first one we reiterated what we talked about at the last meeting - to post the barking dog complaint form on the website and encourage citizens to pursue this gripe with the city. Concerning the second issue...

1. Parking - Mr. Christiansen said that a vehicle that is legally licensed may park on the street for up to 72 hours - after this they can be towed. If it isn't legally licensed it can be towed that day. There is nothing against parking in front of someone else's house (as long as the driveway isn't blocked and it doesn't stay for more than 72 hours). Citizens can call if they see one parked for an illegal length of time.

2. Speeding - Mr. Sutherland will post the survey results from the city about speeding and citizens are encouraged to call the city if there continues to be speeding problems. Citizens are encouraged to note the time of day and location that speeding tends to be a problem.
3. Traffic & Maintenance - there is not much the council can do about these issues. The city does as much as it can in the allotted budget.
4. Street Signs - Mr. Sutherland will email Ms. Sandy Wilcox and find out what streets she knows are problematic. We'll also post something on the website asking citizens to notify us of streets that are missing signs. Mr. Christiansen knows that the corner of Washburn & Bel Air Place is missing (the pole is there, but the signs are missing). We'll let the city know that these are missing.

Mr. Sutherland will take this discussion and draft a letter to the mayor and the city administrator notifying them of these issues and our survey results.

Ms. Carpenter made a motion to adjourn and Mr. West seconded. All voted in favor and we adjourned at 8:50 PM.