

**Southgate Triangle Leadership Team
Southgate Mall Community Room
Meeting Minutes from November 11, 2009**

I. Opening and Role: The meeting started at 7pm with Hans Christiansen, Erik West, Matt Baldassin, Erin Scott, Christine Ross and Ed Childers present. Ann Carpenter showed up a little later.

II. Approve minutes from October General Meeting

No copy available will do at next meeting

III. Treasurer's Report & Approval

There is currently \$711.68 in the budget. Awaiting the printing bill from last mailer and there will be an expenditure from Sign Pro when the sandwich board inserts are done.

IV. Old Business

A. Membership and Leadership Team

Staff from the office of neighborhoods attended to brainstorm and work to establish some goals for the team to strive towards to build membership and recruit for leadership. There is the need and desire to build NC to fill LT positions and get increased interest, involvement and attendance.

B. Election of interim Chair and Secretary

Will work towards building interest to find interim folks to appoint and vote in April at the general meeting

V. New Business

A. Safe Routes to School Representation There has been a member of the NC on this committee who would like to step down; the NC needs to find a replacement. It was suggested to tap into the PTA perhaps at Russell School to find a resident interested. Could go to the PTA or contact them to announce a resident is needed to fill the NC role of serving.

B. Neighborhood Crime. There have been recent break-ins, suspicious behavior and vicious dogs at large in the area. One neighbor had their front door crow barred for entry, perps were caught due to a good description and a timely call to 911 with information .

C. Trail Park Support-didn't discuss

D. Paxson/Brooks St. Triangle Development

Hans provided an update where the Midtown Association is in support and will help fund this project when it comes along. Looking into ownership of the property for how to pursue.

E. Neighborhood Watch – East of Paxon

There has been an interest from neighbors in activating a neighborhood watch program. Neighbors in the Grant St./McDonald St. areas are wanting to organize and get going. Strategy discussed on how to make this an 'inclusive' thing with the NC; neighbors coming together and building community; having a block captain provide updates for meetings, hopefully get involved in the LT.

1. Role of neighborhood council

The NCLT is in support of activating Neighborhood Watch in the area and is concerned about safety of their neighbors. Have it be inclusive and incorporated into the NC for building community, interest, and attendance and involvement with the NC. Resources and tools on how to start a Neighborhood Watch Program were shared. This program development will be on-going.

2. Other

Erin offered to gather some information and statistics to use as a gage for a starting point, 'we are here now' and to use for comparison over time. This information could be useful in tracking change and to inform citizens in the area.

The leadership team will focus on some primary goals:

- Building a contact list of 50 people whether it be by email, phone tree or combination.
- Have links to both websites, city hosted site and southgate.org so both are getting information and seen as neighborhood informational tools
- Working with Neighborhood Watch to generate involvement in the NC; include updates from Block Captain(s); support organization efforts.
- Pursue a Safe Route to School representative
- Work with the Midtown Association on a beatification/ neighborhood identity gateway project at Paxon/Dixon/Brooks
- Provide some focus on why/how to be involved
- Target how to 'welcome' new people to the neighborhood.