

GCHHD GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, February 29, 2004

Agenda:

1. 2003 Financial Statement (Bucksbaum)
2. Proposed 2004 Annual Budget (Bucksbaum)
3. Membership Report (Bucksbaum)
4. Committee Reports and Recruitment
 - a. Beautification (Slobojan/Genz)
 - b. Home Tour (Bartholomew) NOTE DATE CHANGE -- September 19, 2004
 - c. History (Genz)
 - d. Membership/Social
5. Annual Calendar
6. 6th Street Home Update (Mueller Mansion)
7. 8th Street Property Update (Rezoning)
8. Neighborhood Crimewatch Proposal (Thoman)

9. New Business
 - a. Website (Thoman)
 - b. Other

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm.

1. 2003 Financial Statement (Bucksbaum)

\$8245.01, balance end of year

2. Proposed 2004 Annual Budget (Bucksbaum)

Insurance cost, Utilities cost -- going up, need to get more members to spread the cost across more people

Mailing cost -- should be increased, to accommodate more mass mailings

a. Utilities	\$750	
b. Insurance	\$1000	
c. Home Tour	\$600	
d. Beautification	\$100	
Lawn Care	\$500	
Western Street Wall	\$5000	(to be completed and paid for over two years, as needed)
e. Newsletter/Mailings	\$300	
TOTAL	\$8250	

3. Membership Report (Bucksbaum)

25 paid members as of meeting time.

4. Committee Reports and Recruitment

- a. Beautification (Slobojan/Genz)

Goal Setting:

1. Park

- a) Continual plantings at GC Park, possible around gazebo. Gordon?
- b) Notify board we'll need to have water turned on this summer. Terry
- c) Plant tri-color beech tree - apply for beautification grant. PJ
- d) Seal gazebo - coordinate with first spring park cleaning.
- e) General park maintenance - revert back to a neighborhood clean-up rather than individuals volunteering.
- f) Recommend hiring mowing done -- get quote from Dan McDaniels

2. Western St. Railing

We have bids, ready to go - present these at next meeting and get membership approval for committee to go ahead on project, using Kelly Construction (\$2787) for concrete work and Eldridge Ironworks for railing. We have American Iron bid for \$2250.

3. Ripley Street, repair of steps and hand rails, addition of lights -- Volunteer the beaut. committee to continue with this project, along with any other interested members. Step one would be contacting city as their responsibility, etc. The Bartholomews, Troy Smith, Terry, PJ volunteered to work on this.

4. Apply again for leaf bag grant - About 40 bags are left from last year, and those were distributed at the meeting. Free pickup weeks are 4/5-16 and 10/18 through 11/27.

Dates for spring:

17 April 2004, park cleanup and sealer on gazebo

24 April 2004 clean sweep

15 May 2004 park planting, gazebo maintenance

Moved and seconded to budget \$500 for mowing for whole season, carried unanimously

Moved and seconded to budget \$5000 for Western Street wall & railing; discussion of getting a complete plan, architectural or engineering drawings before moving forward...

Motion amended -- Budget \$5000 for project, to include direction for the committee to work with the board to work out the time frame for completion and final design --

b. Home Tour (Bartholomew) NOTE DATE CHANGE -- September 19, 2004

Need volunteers to get this started, need to find homes.

Possible Tour homes:

Sidneys, Bucksbaum/Rogers, Farnums, McCormick

As discussed at board meeting, in order get on calendar for high circulation periodical-type publications -- e.g., Preservation Magazine, or Iowa Magazine -- need to have houses scheduled at least 10-12 months in advance. These types of organizations need that much lead time to develop articles and determine content of each issue. Volunteers: Amy Joy, Troy Smith, Cristina Bucksbaum, Mike Tollenaar

Need to check into billboard donation from LaMar Advertising.

c. History (Genz) -- Need to get electronic archive, that is not subject to the vagaries of the individual homeowners. Terry proposes starting out with a few houses per year, starting with the "A" structures, the best known homes in the area. Troy Smith volunteered to assist.

d. Membership/Social -- tabled for now

5. Annual Calendar

March: Social/Membership Drive -- need volunteer to host...

April: Spring Cleanup/Social -- April 24th, after Cleanup -- Jack and Marion

May: Meeting -- May 23rd

June Social -- Thomans

July, August: Meeting -- July 25th

September: Tour/Social -- September 19th

October: OFF

November: Annual Meeting/Election of Officers -- November 7th

December: Social -- Consensus that the progressive party was a great idea, and we should do it again. Pam and Dennis, Mike & Terry are ready to host again.

BOARD MEETINGS

April 25th

June 27th

October 3rd

6. 6th Street Home Update (Mueller Mansion)

Currently listed on the market for \$30,000. As to the Historic Mueller Mansion Fund, established to help stabilize the home until repairs could be completed, the balance will stay as is until the house status changes.

7. 8th Street Property Update (Rezoning) -- opposition has been very successful thus far.

Committee of the Whole meeting, Monday March 1, 2004

City Council Meeting, Wednesday March 3, 2004

8. Neighborhood Crimewatch Proposal (Thoman)

Harry proposes that we have a crimewatch committee of the association, because the meeting and fundraising requirements will already be met by the neighborhood association.

Moved and seconded to create crimewatch committee of the association, with membership on committee independent of membership in neighborhood association; motion carries unanimously. Persons interested in more information on the program, or who might be interested in volunteering as a block captain, contact Harry Thoman.

9. New Business

a. Website (Thoman)

Harry proposes to put existing website data on his personal ISP account, as a place for GCHHDA website. Will have history of neighborhood, event schedule, etc. Will work toward an independent permanent site, possibly grant funded.

b. Other -- None

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

GCHHDA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
Sunday, May 23, 2004, 7:00 pm, 529 Western

Agenda:

1. Financial Statement/Membership (Bucksbaum)
2. Beautification Committee
 - a. Western Street entrance
 - b. Ripley Street steps
 - c. Summer clean up dates
3. Home Tour Committee
4. Website
5. Recent criminal activity
6. Crime committee
7. Schedule

1. Financial Statement/Membership (Cristina)

Income statement and membership report provided to all attendees. Concern -- should Western Street project be a 2 year or 1 year commitment?

2. Beautification (PJ/Terry)

a. Western Street -- close to ready to go, Kelly Construction on deck and ready to go as soon as approved. HPC ok'd project, waiting for a final go-ahead from city. Possibly P&Z may need to be involved. Cement work \$2900, iron work \$2000. Beautification committee would like to see project completed by Home Tour. Moved and seconded to complete Western in one year -- motion passed.

b. Ripley Street Steps -- in progress. Replacement of steps and retaining wall, addition of historic lighting. Initial meeting with Dee Bruemmer very positive. City willing to provide engineering support. Contacted RDA, will be working on a grant for their October deadline. Scott County Regional authority grant? Scott County government funding? United Neighbors would be involved as the money facilitator.

c. Summer Cleanup dates -- will be scheduled as needed, notifications will go out on email and flyers.

3. Home Tour

Homes:

Bucksbaum-Rogers

Andrews

Overview kitchen?

PJ in a pinch (if absolutely necessary)

Don and Joan Wagner -- still considering, will let us know.

Need to talk to Rob Wamer about house he is working on.

LaMarr Advertising has offered billboard. Plastic overlay for billboard \$149, LaMarr would donate installation costs.

Home Tour meeting Wednesday, June 2, 6:30 pm, at 615 Ripley Street.

4. Website

Demo by Harry. Will let everyone know when it is ready to open to the public.

5. Recent criminal activity

Thievery is up, lawn mower at Ripley, radio from car on Ripley.

Party house on 8th (431); drug use, late night activity, people blocking street.

HUD house on 7th, issues with people parking, late night activity. Call 911, report every incident. That is the only way a record is developed, and action can be taken.

Graffiti on Carol & Vern Stille's (the "Boat House") shed 6 weeks ago, gang task force from police was great, authenticated the graffiti as being from "Low Rider Nation".

Graffiti at 6th and Scott, on the wall. If graffiti is left up, the location becomes a message board for the gangs, they will use it over and over. Need to clean it up or paint over it as soon as possible. Non-resident cars coming and going, or parking consistently -- record license plate numbers and turn them into the City Crime Committee, or contact the police directly.

6. Crime committee

Email went out this afternoon regarding Neighborhood Watch. Harry needs commitments from block captains this week.

7. Schedule

a. Neighborhood Social -- Sunday, June 13th, 4pm, 817 W. 7th Street, Harry & Lu Ann Thoman. They'll fire up the grill, bring drinks or side dish to share.

b. Next meeting -- Sunday, July 25th, 7 pm, City Center Ministry Bldg ("The Center"), 529 Western

c. Gold Coast Ice Cream Social -- Sometime in July, August ??? To get involved, contact PJ Slobojan, 326-2894.

d. Home Tour -- Sunday, September 19th, 11am to 4pm, rain or shine.

8. OMT... (One More Thing...)

a. 5th Street houses -- meeting to discuss them, nobody has a clue about what to do with them. Looking for someone to develop them, County willing to divest itself of the property, HPC willing to be more flexible in order to save them.

b. Funds for Mueller Mansion -- what to do with it? Originally allocated to stabilize the house when it was going up for sale. Owner has moved back in, is trying to determine whether or not to rehab. Roof has been mapped by architect, trying to find someone to work on the roof.

c. Jipp Center -- Back is off, looking to see if foundation can be stabilized at a reasonable price, always looking for volunteers to help. Contact Jack Haberman, 326-3290.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

GCHHDA GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
Sunday, November, 2004, 7:00 pm, 529 Western

Agenda:

1. Financial Statement (Bucksbaum)
2. Membership
3. Election of Officers
4. Holiday Progressive Party
5. January 8th Strategic Planning Sessionj
6. Beautification Committee
Western Street Gateway
Ripley Street Steps
7. Home Tour Report
8. Other Business

Meeting called to order 7:05 pm.

1. Financial Statement

Income statement and membership report provided to all attendees. Financially very good year, despite poor Home Tour proceeds.

Now that the Mueller Mansion is stable, the Fund has been dissolved and transferred back into the general fund.

2. Membership

Membership dues are \$10 per person, per year, payable anytime before the end of the year now.

3. Election of Officers

Monica Smith stepping down, Harry Thoman stepping down, Cristina Bucksbaum willing to serve another term.

Proposed Slate

Dennis LaRoque	Vice President
Cristina Bucksbaum	Treasurer
John Smith	Member-At-Large (2 years)
John Dodd	Member-At-Large

PJ moved to accept slate, Duane Timm seconded, motion carried.

4. Holiday Progressive Party

Sunday December 5th, 4:00 - 8:00 pm.

Monica Smith, Terry Genz and Mike Tollenaer are willing to host, need one more home to host. Anyone willing, contact Marion Meginnis.

5. January 8th Strategic Planning Session

Suggestion from PJ Slobojan that the group needs to assess its direction 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Small group format, to discuss different areas and goals.

6. Beautification Committee

Western Street Gateway. Railing and archway nearly completed, hopefully ready to install in a week of two. Portion paid with \$1500 grant through United Neighbors.

Ripley Street Steps. Grants applied for, now just waiting to hear status. Informational meeting with Dee Bruemmer Monday, November 8, 2004. Grants and city monies should cover cost of the project. Looks very hopeful, since it is the completion of an already existing plan for Ripley Street.

7. Home Tour Report

Probably need to move the Tour back to the original day, on Beaux Arts weekend instead of Riverssance weekend. Will need to discuss this further at the strategic planning session.

8. Other Business

- a. Gaines and 8th house (NE corner) has been sold, and is now owned by a woman who runs a mortgage company and is planning to put it back to single family dwelling.
- b. Neighborhood Directory forthcoming, to be published by Christmas.
- c. Gateway Redevelopment Group, meeting at Harry Thoman's next Sunday, November 14, 2004, 7:00 pm.
- d. Website. There's been an offer by United Neighbors to host the website.
- e. Home Tour. Need to bring more "fest" type things to the neighborhood, make it more family friendly.
- f. Attendance/Membership. Need to increase membership and involvement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.