

WEST SALEM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 5 July 2005

Welcome

Patricia Olmstead called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 25 people in attendance. Patricia Olmstead, president, Del Perry, vice president, and Steven Shafer, secretary, were in attendance.

Treasury Report

Kay was unable to attend. Patricia reported that we had about \$800 in our account for activities at this time. We passed the plate and took in \$47 in donations. Remember that your check is your receipt, if you wish to use this for tax purposes.

Old Business

- Community Garden – Del Perry reported on the great success of the growing garden. So far there has not been much in the way of produce, but Irma has harvested some squash. GO IRMA!
- Patricia discussed the next Music in the Park. It is to be a homemade ice cream contest. Unfortunately, this information did not make the newsletter. Please make a note of this and plan to make your favorite recipe and come to the park for a fun evening! Additional communication will be sent via email about this.

New Business

- Captain Patricia Murray from the Winston-Salem Police Department came and discussed the Western Downtown Initiative. There was quite a bit of discussion on the various issues, such as homelessness and drug sales. Her suggestions were to keep your eyes and ears open, report suspicious activity, tell your neighbors about what is going on and encourage them to help, and finally be prepared to go to court to testify when necessary. At the moment we don't have a good solution of how to correct and resolve the root cause of why folks are coming to our neighborhood to get drugs. Rehab homes were discussed as a possible solution.
- Patricia reminded everyone to send in the surveys from the newsletter. Hopefully by next meeting we can get a good listing of the feedback from the neighborhood.
- A petition was presented regarding the proposed zoning changes for 700 South Green Street. It was signed and will be taken to the meeting on Thursday at 2 PM. [UPDATE – the zoning board did not approve the change. The owner will only be allowed to have three apartments. Thank you to all who worked on this.

Announcements were on the agenda for the following:

Cards for Neighbors Know of a West Salem neighbor, who is sick, in the hospital, lost a loved one, should be thanked for their good works, or just needs to be remembered? Call Joann Reed, 201.3444, and she'll send a card from WSNA.

Upcoming Neighborhood Activities

1. West Salem Garden Club Meets July 21, 6:30 PM, Imagine Flowers on Trade Street – flower arranging.
2. West Salem Civic Club, Tuesday, July 12, 7 PM at the Civic Center on Hutton Street
 - a. UPDATE: we've learned that the Civic Club does not meet in the summer. We'll let you know when they resume their meetings
3. Sunday, July 17, 6 PM – 9 PM *Music in the Park* - New Breed, featuring vocalist James Braxton, Beach, R&B -- Shagging Time! Come to Granville Park with your picnic supper, blankets, and chairs and shag the night away!
4. Soup Bread & Broads, July 30, call Patricia Olmstead for details: 725.6771

Adjourned 8:25 PM