

WEST SALEM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 6 September

Welcome

Patricia Olmstead called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 19 people in attendance. Patricia Olmstead, president, Steven Shafer, secretary, and Kay Everhart, Treasurer, were in attendance.

Treasury Report

We did not have a Treasury report this evening due to other discussion topics

New Business

- The Green Street Supper on 7 September was discussed. We could use a few more cakes and Patricia confirmed folks that were going to attend. All is well for a fun night.
- Survey Results were distributed from the July Survey. The main discussion points were the racial challenges of including a more diverse group in our organization. We discussed speaking for everyone. We also discussed the responsibility that all face in a free democracy to come and speak for themselves at our meetings. New members to the organization spoke about the letters that had been sent to the property owners by the association and by the police. Our attempts to cut down on crime and have responsible property owners are having success.
- We discussed the historic overlay. A number of questions were brought up to be discussed when Leann Pegram can attend our next meeting. What does this mean for new construction? What does this mean for remodeling/upfitting homes? What does this mean for illegal boarding houses? We anticipate Leann answering these questions and more.
- A concern was raised about tax exempt groups buying up property and then not having to pay taxes on that property. We may look into this in a future meeting.
- We finished our discussions this evening by asking each person to give one thing they liked about the neighborhood and one thing they would want to change. The topics that were discussed included: crime issues, poverty, unkempt homes, garbage, nice gardens, architectural diversity, cultural diversity, suspicion and distrust among neighbors, not enough involvement from all the community. Many of these topics will be covered in our plans for the coming year.

Old Business

- The community garden was discussed for Del Perry. We are planning a winter garden to get started in the next few weeks. Contact him with any questions or to be involved.
- Music in the Park was discussed with **Cleo Young and New Dimensions, Old School R&B** performing

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 September 15, 6:30 PM, Teens Country Herb, 2306 Waughtown Street. If you wish to join us and make an herb wreath, please RSVP to Dee Perry, 725.9826. There is a \$20 charge to make the wreath, which includes all the materials. You may come and observe at no cost.
2. Sunday, September 18, 6 PM – 9 PM Music ^{in the} Park - **New Dimensions, with Cleo Young**, is an Old School R&B Band. They'll rock Granville Park with their dancing tunes! So come on out with your picnic supper, and lawn chairs and dance the night away!
3. Soup Bread and Broads, September 25, call Patricia Olmstead for details: 725.6771

Adjourned 8:25 PM