

Northwest Carbondale Neighborhood Association Meeting
Minutes of the 19 February 2014 Meeting
5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Fine Woodworking Shop

Present: Adam Loos, Yolan Presley, Patti Diggle, Lorie Allen, Al Kuczynski, Yolanda Smith

Absent: Rachel Robinson

Yolan Presley noted that she had emailed the report from the Neighborhood Alliance. She also noted that our by-laws have been updated on line and she has been posting to email as well as on Facebook. It is good for people to see that there is more for them to do to help the neighborhood. Our website is also up to date.

Patti Diggle presented the Treasurer's report and noted that we have a balance of \$154.14. Dues of \$5.00 for individuals and \$10 per household or business are due in September and an email should be sent to members requesting payment. Members should be encouraged to pay dues and recruit new members.

Yolan Presley noted that the Carbondale Neighborhood Planning Services staff requested a "walk" of the neighborhood with board members and other interested citizens. We agreed that we would start at Springer School and walk in a northerly direction from there. Al Kuczynski noted that good things (like recycling by the Boys and Girls Club) should be emphasized as well as problems that exist. L. Allen, Yolan Presley, and Yolanda Smith agreed to attend.

The proposed "Neighborhood Business District" was discussed. There is as yet too much unknown about what exactly this will mean and how the City will regulate it.

Two new board members are needed. Interested parties should be invited to attend the next meeting.

The meeting schedule was set as:

May 27, 5 p.m. at the FWS
August 11, 5 p.m. at the FWS
Annual meeting TBA in September
a meeting in October TBA

Respectfully submitted,

Lorie Allen

Follow-up: the Neighborhood Walk with City Staff was interesting and productive. One immediate result was a "no dumping" sign on vacant park district property. One resident expressed concern regarding the City's posting his property for tall grass. He owns the huge lot to the west of the Armory and it has been posted on the North side away from his home where he cannot see it. His family have owned this property for decades and have always maintained it. L. Allen noted that this large lot is home to many deer and mowing in the early spring puts fawns and other newborn wildlife at high risk. A "wildlife area" designation could be suggested to the City to deal with this property and the one or two others like it mentioned by City staff (who expressed the opinion that all rules were "one size fits all.")

The Association did not meet on 27 May due to various conflicts of Board members. The group plans to meet 4 June immediately following the Neighborhood Alliance meeting at City Hall.