

Minutes of the Meeting of the Northwest Carbondale Neighborhood Association  
Board of Directors  
16 July 2012

Present: Lorie Allen, Jessica Bradshaw, Pattie Diggle, Thelma Herschbach, Zachary Kemp, Adam Loos, Nina Hurmis, Yolanda Presley,

Absent: Mark Robinson, Chuck Paprocki

Guests: James Helfrich, Karen Hennrich, Sarah Heyer

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Adam Loos.

1. Nina Hurmis moved, second by Zachary Kemp, to approve the minutes of the meeting of 18 June 2011. Approved.
2. Officer Reports. Lorie Allen announced that the Planning Commission is meeting on 18 July to consider rezoning the property at the corner of Sycamore and Glenview (the proposed site of the new fire station). She also noted that the little flags in the neighborhood are for routine gas line maintenance by Ameren. Pattie Diggle distributed the treasurer's report. We have \$290.00 in the SIU Credit Union and she and Adam Loos both have a debit card. The debit cards are for the organization and can be passed along to the next President and Treasurer.
3. Committee Reports. The combined Communication/Membership/Hospitality Committee met 9 July 2012. The group discussed the Logo contest, the need for a banner, and the fall social. Also discussed was the need for informational handouts to help recruiting and "welcome to Carbondale" materials to give new residents coming to school in August. Yo Presley moved, second by Nina Hurmis, to spend up to \$40 for a 2'x6' banner which includes the name of the organization and web address. Approved. *Fall gathering plans were discussed. Zachary Kemp will talk to the owners of Key West to see if they would like to have the party in their parking lot. It was generally agreed that the date of the gathering should coincide with the end of the logo contest so the winner could be announced there (around October 15).* The Property and Development and Research and Development committees did not meet. Members expressed concern about the sprawl of the hospital. Pattie noted that there is a need to know where our members are so we know where to reach out. Zachary will go to the City and see if maps are available. *The Safety and Security Committee met and discussed the need for a link on our website for homeowners regarding ways to protect their property etc. Adam noted that the Carbondale Police Department has a "web alert" website which should also be linked. Pattie thought it would be great if we could meet with the Police Department to begin plans to develop Neighborhood Watch and Map Your Neighborhood plans. Jessica suggested we may be able to meet with them at the new Public Safety Center. Zachary contacted Keep Carbondale Beautiful about organizing a*

- neighborhood clean-up. That organization will provide bags and gloves and the City of Carbondale will pick up the orange bags when called (457-3275) and asked to do so.*
4. New Business. *New Board Member. Yo Presley moved, second by Jessica Bradshaw that Karen Hennrich be appointed to the board. Approved. The Board welcomed Karen to the meeting. It was agreed that members of the Board and their families would meet for dinner at a get acquainted gathering at Key West on Sunday, August 5, at 5:30 p.m. Adam Loos noted that he will not be able to attend the meeting on 19 November because he is expected the birth of his son, Truman Adam, around that date. Sarah Heyer, of Keep Carbondale Beautiful, invited the Board to their anniversary celebration at Hickory Lodge the morning of 28 July 2012.*
  5. Other. A long discussion ensued about the fate of Bleyer Field. James Helfrich asked if the Board would be willing to support the idea of a grassroots movement to “save Oakland Fields for Green Space.” Currently, he said, a three member investment group owns both the field and track. The PUD for the Budslick development has expired but City staff have said that since they are still in contact with the group, it is OK to go ahead with planning. There was considerable objection to the plan and the Planning Commission rejected it. The old City Council approved it anyway. It was agreed that we need a Fact Sheet regarding this and other zoning changes going on in the neighborhood. This could include the names of investors, participants involved, dates of hearings, etc. A history of what happened when is needed. Because he attended the meetings, Zachary noted that the Public Hearing with the Planning Commission was held 8/18/10; the City Council Approved the development on 9/7/11 with the timeline for development at the end of 2012. James Helfrich thinks that the level to get people interested and against this development is the development of green space. The next step is to address the zoning issues. Mr. Helfrich will prepare the fact sheet for Bleyer Field.
  6. Yo Presley moved, second by Jessica Bradshaw, that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lorie Allen, Secretary*