

Northwest Carbondale Neighborhood Association Meeting

21 August 2013

6:00 p.m. at Sergio's Mexican Restaurant on Glenview (the restaurant at Key West had relocated)

Minutes.

1. Welcome and introductions PRESENT: Rachel Robinson, Yo Presley, Yolanda Simon, Al Kuczynski, Patti Diggle, Adam Loos, Lorie Allen

Guests: Mary O'Hara, Sandra Litecky

2. Reading and approval of the minutes . Yo Presley moved, second by Patti Diggle that the minutes of the July meeting be approved.

3. Reports of officers

3.1 Treasurer's Report. Attached. P. Diggle noted that there is a service provided by the web site that is based on a program called "constant contact" and it is designed to help with communication and marketing.

3.3 President's Report. A. Loos noted that the appeal to continue operating the Oakland/Sycamore garage failed. The request to change the zoning of that property was postponed until the September Planning Commission meeting.

4. Committee Reports

No Committees met. Y. Presley noted that there have been recent notifications that the Carbondale Police Department is reinstituting a Neighborhood Watch group. A. Kuczynski noted that City staff would be happy to come to our meeting; our past history with this process advises caution.

5. Correspondence. None this month.

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 – "mother-in-law" apartments—There are many components to this issue and it was agreed that it should be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

6.2 – annual meeting. A. Kuczynski noted that he would contact Andy Wallace to see if our annual meeting could be held at the Armory on 9/29. A. Loos noted that the main business is election of officers and board members and changes, if any, to the by-laws. P. Diggle suggested that the Police Department

have a flier at the meeting, or perhaps be the program for the meeting. It was generally agreed that Safety and Security and Communication are the two areas needing the most attention by NCNA.

All current officers terms are expiring. A. Loos asked who would be willing to continue. This has been a small and active group. We are all getting close to burn out. However, no one wants the group to fold and we all want to see it move forward. All officers agreed to continue if there are fewer meetings (four meetings instead of 12). A. Loos noted he would re-write the by-laws to reflect this change and if approved then the group will remain strong and viable. A. Kuczynski, L. Allen, P. Diggle, and Y. Presley agreed to be a sub-committee to set the agenda and organize the annual meeting.

6.3 – Chamber of Commerce. A. Kuczynski will find out what it costs to join. It was generally agreed that this organization would be a great way to meet and attract business members.

6.4 - Irish Festival. It was agreed that NCNA should set up a booth at the Festival, for at least part of the time. L. Allen has a canopy we can use and is able to be there for the afternoon of 10/5. A table and chairs can be provided by Festival organizers.

7. New Business

7.1 – Neighborhood Action Group, Mary O'Hara and S. Litecky. Ms. O'Hara distributed information about the Neighborhood Action Group, a "working group of the City of Carbondale's Human Relations Commission.....to promote, preserve and revitalize Carbondale's neighborhoods by identifying, researching and organizing on issues of significance to neighborhoods." Ms. O'Hara noted that one of the lacks of the Planning Commission is that they are case driven rather than being pro-active. The Neighborhood Action group wishes to help them implement the Comprehensive Plan. They meet at City Hall the first Wednesday of each month and everyone interested is invited to attend.

8. Announcements (3-5 min.)

9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7i.30 p.m. (moved Y. Presley/second R. Robinson).