

Northwest Carbondale Neighborhood Association Meeting

17 July 2013

6:00 p.m. at Key West Lounge.

Minutes

Present: L. Allen, Y. Presley, P. Diggle, A. Loos, A. Kuczynski

Absent: R. Robinson, Y. Simon, B. Ritzel, T. Herschbach

1. Welcome and introductions (2 min.)
2. Reading and approval of the minutes (1 min.) P. Diggle moved, second by Yo Presley, that the minutes of the May 20, 2013 meeting be approved. Carried.
3. Reports of officers (e.g. Treasurer's report)
 - 3.1 Secretary's Report (3-5 min.). L. Allen noted that she will be unable to attend the August 19 meeting and asked that the meeting be rescheduled to 21 August (Wednesday) at 6:00 p.m. at the Key West Lounge. Agreed.
 - 3.2 Treasurer's Report (3-5 min.). Attached. P. Diggle noted that the cost of hosting the web site has increased \$9.00 per quarter.
 - 3.3 President's Report (3-5 min.). A. Loos noted that he was settling in to his new home on Pecan Street.
4. Committee Reports. No Committees met.
 - 4.1 Communications
 - 4.2 Membership & Hospitality
 - 4.3 Property & Real Estate
 - 4.4 Research & Development
 - 4.5 Safety & Security
5. Correspondence (0-5 min.). No correspondence was received.
6. Unfinished Business (0-15 min)
7. New Business

7.1 – “mother-in-law” (MIL) apartments.” A. Loos noted that there are potential changes to R1 zoning which would apply to all R1 (occupied by no more than 3 unrelated persons) districts. The addition of a MIL apartment could potentially create parking and trash problems as well as exceeding the occupancy maximum for some properties. It was agreed that NCNA should look at: occupancy; parking; the definition of family and relative. Y. Presley noted that we should all think about what we would like to address as issues to include in the new rules.

7.2 –Annual Meeting. A. Loos noted that the by-laws were changed and our annual meeting should be held in September. It was agreed that the meeting would be held on Sunday, 29 September at 2 p.m. L. Allen will talk with the park district about reserving the pavilion at Turley Park and draft a “newsletter” outlining the organization’s accomplishments to distribute via email and press release. At the next meeting the agenda for the annual meeting, to include election of officers and a quorum, payment of dues, etc. should be finalized.

7.3 –The recent Carbondale Times article regarding the new “evaluation system” for the police was briefly discussed. Will this mean quotas? Will police be issuing “seat belt use” tickets at SIU? A. Kuczynski noted that this may be tied to pension debates as well as how to evaluate performance.

7.4—Chamber of Commerce. A. Kuczynski asked if the organization has considered joining the Chamber of Commerce. It is a civic organization and a good point of contact. Les O’Dell, the current president, is also with the Southern Illinoisan. The Chamber is currently hosting a series of seminar breakfasts and a recent one was about marketing organizations on Facebook. P. Diggle asked how much it costs and how many people from one organization could attend. A. Kuczynski will inquire.

7.5 A. Kuczynski noted that the Southern Illinois Irish Festival will be the first week of October: 10/4-6. Interested groups may set up a table there and provide educational materials. This is a good place to spread the word about NCNA and we should try to spend time there.

7.6—Y. Presley noted that the area around the Armory appears to be becoming a junk yard. It is rather “industrial looking” P. Diggle moved, second by A. Loos that a letter be drafted to address the zoning “neverland” of the armory.

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.