

Nelson Neighborhood Improvement Association
Minutes – May 16, 2007
Regular Board meeting

1. Call to order – by President Larry Spataro at 5:34 p.m.
2. Roll Call of Board of Directors
 - a. Present: Larry Spataro, Dan Rinsema-Sybenga, Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga, Greg Borgman, Dollie Hippchen, Romella Ealom, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Bill Wright, Greg Laws, Irene Cooper, Shawn McFall
 - b. Not Present: Bill Seeback, Mary Jo McCann, Ann Craig, Bob Bosch
3. Approval of Minutes of April 18, 2007 Regular monthly meeting
 - a. Motion by Bill Wright, seconded by Greg Borgman, to approve the minutes of April 18, 2007. The motion carried on a voice vote.
4. Committee Action Items
 - a. None
5. Old Business
 - a. The issue of the neighborhood sign was raised and it was brought to everyone's attention that Bob Bosch was working on this item and that a progress report could be requested at the next meeting
6. New Business
 - a. Stork's Nest – Faith Groesbeck
 - i. Faith is a Public Health education with the Muskegon County Health Department and is heading up the MCHD's Fetal Infant Mortality Review initiative..

General Membership Participation:

7. Introductions/Recognition of Host/Hostess
 - a. Approximately 20 people were present and introduced themselves.
8. Neighborhood Concerns –Scott Vanderwier
 - a. Officer Vanderwier stated he has been busy training the four new police officers recently hired by the City of Muskegon.
 - b. A group of four neighbors asked Officer Vanderwier about a situation at 206 W. Forest where a neighbor was having trouble with kids playing basketball in their, and her, driveway. Officer Vanderwier explained the circumstances under which a legitimate complaint could be filed. Dollie Hippchen and Greg Borgman offered to convene the concerned neighbors and take steps to help them form a block club.
9. Presentations
 - a. Muskegon United Way Hunger in Muskegon County – Kirsten Strolle
 - i. Ms. Strolle explained the situation regarding hunger in Muskegon County and what the United Way is doing to address the issue. Central to their strategy is to make residents aware of the problems.
10. Committee Information Items
 - a. Finance/Property Committee – Bill Wright
 - i. The monthly financial report was presented.
 - b. Membership Committee – Dollie Hippchen
 - i. Two new memberships were received over the last month. The NNIA has received \$443 in membership contributions.
 - c. Communications Committee – Dan Rinsema-Sybenga
 - i. Feedback concerning the first mailed issue of the newsletter was solicited. Publication of the next newsletter was announced for late July and content for that issue was also solicited..
 - d. Activities Committee – Marcia Hovey-Wright
 - i. The liquidation sale, led by Irene Cooper, raised \$140 and helped to clear some of the unwanted objects from the NNIA building.
 - ii. A \$200 request for the neighborhood picnic will be taken up at the June board meeting.
 - iii. The next volunteer opportunity for the First Congregational Saturday breakfast will be June 30. Volunteers are asked to contact Marge Burman.
 - e. Block Clubs – Greg Borgman

- i. A block club meeting is scheduled for May 22.
 - ii. Dollie Hippchen reported that the St. Joes Block Club plans to hold a Spring planting and picnic on June 15. All were encouraged to attend.
- f. Neighborhood Associations of Muskegon – Mary Jo McCann
 - i. Mary Jo McCann was not able to attend the meeting and Larry Spataro reported that items from the NAM meeting that were worth noting included the Fishing Derby scheduled for June 14, and the fact that National Night Out activities must be reported to Denny Powers by June 22.

11. Adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Rinsema-Sybenga