

MINUTES
Executive Board Meeting,
Citizens Advisory Board of GVR
May 19, 2009 6 P.M.
Oakwood Homes Offices

Executive Board Present: Tim Sheahan, John Brown, Jerry Jacobs, Elaine Smith, Thad Jacobs, George and Lynn Goldstone, Angela Harris

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Tim Sheahan.

The minutes from the March 17, 2009, meeting were unanimously **approved** upon a motion by John Brown.

Jerry Jacobs, treasurer, reported that the Post Office Box fees have increased but nonetheless made a motion to renew. John Brown seconded the motion and it **passed** unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE: Tim Sheahan reported that Linda Bierman had resigned as Chairperson of the Community Events Committee and from the Board. Angela Harris has agreed to replace her.

Tim Sheahan and John Brown attended a Neighborhood Block party at Stapleton where they had 300 people participating. A large group went to a park for the party; others held individual block parties. This could be an idea for us.

Also, Tim Sheahan, John Brown, Elaine and John Smith attended Michael Hancock's Registered Neighborhood Organization breakfast where we learned that RTD took away GVR's Call and Ride, heard about the seventy million dollar gap in City finances, how they are trying to redo the 50 year old Zoning Codes, etc. There were a lot of complaints about the drop in the Call and Ride service so RTD is considering what to do. The East GVR Park has been re-done and is looking good.

Another library input meeting is being held tomorrow night, May 20.

We got our official 501c3 from the IRS, so others who make donations can now use it as a deduction.

Tim Sheahan will ask the new storage facility on Tower Road if they could donate some space for us to store our supplies.

We also need to set goals, establish a budget, and do some fund raising.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education Committee: Thad Jacobs, Chairperson, reported that they will try to get the DPS Board of Education to tell us who the Educational provider will be for the new school. They will also have a review meeting for the May 28th meeting at Waller School. Encourage as many people as possible to attend. Ground breaking for the new school will be on June 25th.

Public Safety Committee: Due to Jeff Jacobsen's absence, Tim Sheahan reported that we need to move forward with the Neighborhood Watch programs. PC is getting a letter ready now for directions on the next step.

Neighborhood Economics: George Goldstone reported that the web site is moving along. The Domain name is still an open issue as it hasn't yet been transferred. The Committee wants to come up with a positive image of GVR for the web site and do a business directory. It was suggested that Gateway Properties be invited to a Committee meeting to share their planned development. The best place to find accurate demographic information about GVR is with the Piton Foundation.

Community Events: Angela Harris made a large contribution to the Earth Day event and it was awesome! It was suggested that an organizational meeting be set up to plan Gobble Wobble and that the Committee sponsor a huge block party, perhaps at East Park, the first Tuesday in August which is the National Night Out (similar to what was done in Stapleton).

DEVELOPER UPDATE: Jerry Jacobs said that development of 56th Avenue will be starting soon. Picadilly Road will start development in late June or July. Home sales are steadily improving.

OTHER BUSINESS: Tim Sheahan suggested that if one is a Board member, that person should also be on a Committee and Board members generally consented. Tim Sheahan will coordinte an article for The Voice on Neighborhood Watch and Elaine Smith will assist. Input was given on ideas for speakers at the next general meeting.

Elaine Smith, liason to the GVR Metro District, reported on the status of the District and the HOA. The Metro District has started a community garden near Marama School and is considering paying down, perhaps five million dollars, of their bonds. The HOA has hired a new Property Manager and so the community now has two property managers to do covenant enforcement. The HOA held a delegate election on May 16th. The proxies brought in by community residents were largely invalidated by members of the HOA Board. Angry residents are considering filing suit to validate the proxies. Members of the CAB Board would like to be able to use the sign by the Metro District office for more than just the Metro District meetings and HOA. It should be for the whole community, for special meetings, events, etc. We would like for the Metro District to be more flexible and to be less costly. One member volunteered to put up the letters himself to save dollars. Elaine Smith will bring this request to the Metro District Board.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Smith