

Arden Neighborhood Association Minutes December 4, 2012

Board Members:

Gene Valanzano, President
Irene Stevens, Vice President
Lorinne Banister, Secretary
Tracy Hinshaw Chandler, Treasurer
Jean Deeds
Gus Lemcke
Alan Nelson
Ed Smith

Committees:

Communications – Melissa Kerker
Crime Watch – Jean Deeds
Landscape – Gus Lemcke
Membership – Irene Stevens
Preservation/Welcome – Ed Smith
Social – Laurie Schumacher
Broad Ripple Liaison – Norm Tucker

Gene Valanzano called a short business meeting to order at 6:50pm.

Present were Gene Valanzano, Irene Stevens, Lorinne Banister, Tracy Hinshaw, Jean Deeds, Gus Lemcke, Alan Nelson, Melissa Kerker and Norm Tucker.

Lorinne had not distributed the minutes from November for review, so they will be approved at the January meeting.

Membership - Irene Stevens distributed the membership reported.

Treasurer Report - Tracy distributed the treasurer report. Lorinne asked which amount was the carryover from 2012 to 2013 it was noted as the \$7,224. Tracy asked which year she should book the membership directory costs to and since they weren't in the 2012 budget, so therefore they should be booked in 2013.

The rest of the business will be addressed during the annual meeting.
The board members prepared for the start of the annual meeting at 7pm.

The annual meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

Directory Updates:

Irene met the neighbors as they arrived and distributed a directory to each neighbor.

Broad Ripple Association (BRVA) presentation – Brooke Klejnot

- Started as a neighborhood association and now a business and resident business chamber and visitor bureau.
- This year we hope to develop a strategic plan, improve communication channels, eBlast, social media, visitor site, ect; and organize residential parking permit plan.
- Started crime watch program in 2012, looking to expand this program.
- Working on fundraising to go toward beautification of the canal esplanade program between westfield and college ave. working with citizens energy group.
- If you want to know more about us you can find us at Discover Broad Ripple.com. We are starting to expand that brand.
- Feel free to contact me at Brook@BRVA.org

Questions for Brook:

- Do you already have funds to update the canal – no just in the concept stage
- Any update on a possible hotel? We would like one, but not at this time
- Timeline on the garage – Completion date March 2013 – 350 spaces – IMPD will have a depot there
- Who will manage the garage? - Managed by a local group.
- Repaving to help with flooding concerns
- How many retail – between 4&7
- Is there going to be a drive thru bank? No
- Where are the entrances? – Westfield & College
- What are the parking fees? – undetermined
- What is the parking permit plan – working with the neighbors to find a collective solution

Crime Watch - Jean Deeds handed out the report

Three representative from IMPD – Commander Tom Coppel of 5th district

- Within our district we are a low crime rate area
- Community Crime view online you can see the crimes in your area
- Officer Maxwell is here with us – He is the contact for our neighborhood.
- Egging is a 911 call – could be checking to see if we are a good neighborhood for crime
- We had 17 incidents of one sort or another in 2012. There were 5 car larcenies
- Around the May 10 date there was a rash of car break-ins
- June 28th there was a manhunt – couple men in a stolen car from Geist had come into the Arden neighborhood. Neighbors had seen men running. Police had helicopters, police responded quickly.
- Nov 29 was the last incident about a package stolen at the front door. You can call FedEx 800 number and they will hold it at their location.
- Tonight is Jean's last night as crime watch coordinator, IMPD presented Jean with a plaque for her service
- The Neighborhood presented Jean with a token of appreciation.

Gene thanked Terry O'Brien with Meridian Hills for attending and discussed how helpful of an ally Meridian Hills is

What the board has done for the neighborhood?

Ginger started presenting the information:

- Gene gave an overview of the bike lane discussion with the city.
- Terry mentioned that MH got the city to repave Penn from Arden up to Williams Creek
- Gene wants to suggest rerouting down to Arden to 70th to College and getting Arden repaved in the process.
- Improvement and engraving of rock at the entrance at 70th& College
- Arden neighborhood plan to restrict inappropriate development
- Active neighborhood crime watch
- The neighborhood worked with a naturalist to examine the health of trees, if anyone is interested in having a naturalist come out, just let the board know.

- We met with the City about the invasive species along the river bank. They began spraying for eradication on a different schedule than they told us they would.
- We attend meetings of our neighbors – Norm Tucker was introduced as the liaison with the Broad Ripple Village Association.
- Anyone can get more information and attend the board meetings every first Tuesday of the month
- Can get information from arden.nextdoor.com

Board Elections:

Gene introduced the individuals running for board

Andy Teets, Ed Smith, Ginger Williams

Everyone introduced themselves

Ballots were counted and all were elected.

General Comments/Questions:

- Lorinne mentioned the Euchre club and if you are interested to contact her
- Question about Book Club – Lori Schumaker mentioned she was in the group and you could contact her if you were interested.
- Jean mentioned for those that are not receiving crime watch news to provide their email addresses for the block captains
- Question about Indy Rezone – City is looking at all the zoning ordinances – Arden doesn't really have any involvement.

Next Board Meeting:

January Meeting will be held on the second Tuesday 1/8/13 since the first Tuesday is New Years Day. All raffle items were successfully handed out before the end of the meeting.

Board Members will be available to talk with anyone after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm