

Ford Homes Historic District Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting Thursday, April 6, 2006
Present: Mike Assenmacher, Teresa Klimkiewicz, Dan Alford, Patrick Karasinski
Absent: Leon Bergeron, Jenny Neill, Carter Brown
Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 2006, 7:30p (tentative)

Meeting began at 7:35p

I. Announcements

No announcements made.

II. Discussion / Action Items (as highlighted)

Dan Alford provided a summary of the treasury status – currently \$900 in checking and \$1,400 in savings.

No news from the Building Committee, other than plans for Patrick's garage were recently approved.

No news from Erika Morrison on sign rentals.

Patrick advised that there is one reservation for a tent so far this season. Patrick also advised that tent stakes were badly needed, and that he would purchase new ones. He also suggested that the tents be replaced entirely, and was going to look into costs.

Teresa advised that Kathy Neveu provided a list of new neighbors for the newsletter.

Mike reported that merchandise sales were brisk at the holidays, stating that a lot of merchandise sold at the Halloween Walk. Mike also distributed a traveler mug "proof" for approval. Ruth Assenmacher will place an order for the mugs, but in small quantity at first. The mugs will sell for approximately \$10 to \$15 each, but exactly pricing will be determined once the order is placed.

Mike advised that a new committee was needed to run the Holiday Home Tour as Teresa and Sylvia are stepping down. Mike and Teresa will discuss at the District Meeting. Teresa advised that there is already one home volunteered to be on the tour.

Patrick suggested that a case of beer be offered to the person who stored the benches over the winter on behalf of the District. All approved. Patrick to make purchase and submit receipt for reimbursement.

Mike advised that the Park Street Park benches need to be installed, and it was agreed on Saturday, April 22 at 10:00a. The benches will be moved to Mike's house, assembled, then moved to the Park for final installation. The decision was made to use the existing straps and padlocks to anchor the benches, rather than setting the benches in concrete. The Dearborn Kiwanis will be notified as they are interested in

getting photos of the event. The existing damaged benches in "as is" condition will be offered at the District Meeting. It was suggested that a donation to the FHHD be made in lieu of a "sale price". All present agreed.

Mike announced that the Edison Street Sale has been planned for June 3, 2006. Teresa will prepare sign up sheets to distribute at the District Meeting for volunteers, and will prepare letters to local businesses (Merchant, Westborn Market, and Dearborn Inn) to see if they will donate door prizes. Teresa will also contact Sue and Fred Rushman to see if they will allow the District to place their tent on the Rushman's front lawn. A request for donated baked goods and help at the District tent will be made at the District Meeting.

The next District Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20th at 7:30p at the First Baptist Church. Teresa has secured permission from the church to use the multi-purpose room in the basement for the meeting location. A canned goods drive will be run again, and door prizes will be awarded. Mike announced that four spaces were up for election – Dan Alford, Jenny Neill, Leon Bergeron, and Carter Brown. Dan advised that he will not run again. Mike suggested that, should he be re-elected President, a meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 17th at 7:30p at Mike's house to set up the 2006 – 2007 District calendar of events. Mike will prepare and distribute the District meeting agenda about 1 week before the meeting to board members.

Mike announced that Spring Planting Day and Park Clean Up will take place on Saturday, May 20th. Teresa will prepare a sign-up sheet to be distributed at the District meeting.

Mike advised that he was contacted by Richard DeBene, an FHHD resident, who wanted to link his website, Dearborn Hot Rods, to the FHHD website. Mike suggested that the officers visit the website and determine if the link should be made. Further, Richard is a Dearborn realtor and wanted to be added to the FHHD Contractor List. Those present voted "no" to this, choosing to keep the contractor list's main focus on upkeep and preservation of the homes. Mike will announce the board vote on the link at a later date.

Patrick suggested that the District make an effort to get homeowners to keep their properties maintained. Patrick advised that he has been taking walks around the District, and noticed that homeowners are not properly maintaining their properties, citing unkept alleyways, peeling paint, etc. He feels that this will hurt property values and detracts from the appeal of the neighborhood. It was decided that, should space allow in the newsletter, Teresa will include an article to be included on maintaining one's property.

The next FHHD Officers Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 17th at 7:30p, and will be held at Mike's house.

No other new business. Meeting adjourned at 8:35p.

Minutes submitted April 7, 2006

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