

## **Ford Homes Historic District Board Meeting**

### Meeting Minutes

*Date of Meeting* Thursday, October 5, 2006  
*Present:* Leon Bergeron, Mike Assenmacher, Teresa Klimkiewicz, Patrick Karasinski, Phil Menna, Mark Stewart  
*Absent:* Carter Brown  
*Next Meeting:* Undetermined

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Meeting began at 7:35p

#### **I. Announcements**

No announcements made.

#### **II. Discussion / Action Items (as highlighted)**

Treasurer's report submitted. Approximately \$1,800 in the account. Most will be reserved for Home Tour expenses. No items from Building Committee. Mike reported that FHHD merchandise is low, but Ruth will order in time to re-stock for the Home Tour. No news from Sign Rental committee. Patrick reported that the tent rental brought in about \$400 in rentals over the summer season. No news from the Welcoming Committee.

All present reviewed and approved newsletter for publication. Minor corrections made. It was suggested that the canned food raffle be mentioned in the article about the Fall Meeting.

Patrick advised that the letter identifying him as the official neighborhood representation at DFNA (Dearborn Federation of Neighborhoods Association) was not sent as there were "too many politics" involved with those currently attending the meetings. It was agreed that the letter would not be sent so further conflict can be avoided.

The Halloween Walk is scheduled for Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p at the Assenmacher house – 22513 Nona. Mike obtained food items and candy. Mike will ask the Mallord family (Beech) to once again host the Pumpkin Carving contest.

The Christmas Walk is scheduled for Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p at the Stewart house – 22812 Nona. Food items will be offered and FHHD merchandise will be made available for purchase. Mike to make contact with "Santa" to see if he's available.

Mark updated the Board on the progress of the Home Tour. Currently 8 homes will be open for the tour – possibly more as a few residents are undecided. The Home Tour committee may approach the Dearborn Baptist Church about using the Multi-purpose room to sell tickets and baked goods. The committee may also contact the Dearborn Trolley depending on the location of the homes. Mike asked Leon if the Home Tour could be spotlighted on cable TV's Kiwanis Talk. Leon to find out if this can be scheduled and when. Teresa to contact Tom Korte and remind him to publicize the Home Tour if possible.

Leon advised that Frank Bewick is confirmed as the guest speaker at the Fall Meeting.

Mike advised that he was contacted by Cottage Living magazine (Mr. David Hanson) as they wanted to take some photos of the neighborhood and spotlight it in an upcoming article. It is thought that the magazine would take the photos in late October, and the article would be published in the spring of 2007. Mike will remain the point of contact, and has already forwarded preliminary photos of homes in the District. No other contact has been made at this time.

Mike and Teresa advised that Tom Korte forwarded information that HGTV's "If Walls Could Talk" was also interested in using the District in an upcoming program. Selected homes were offered the opportunity to participate – resulting in only 3 homeowners being interested. Those names were submitted to Tom. At this time, no other contact by either Tom Korte or HGTV has been made.

Leon suggested thanking District volunteers by name at the Fall Meeting. It was decided that a "blanket" thank you be issued so no one would be left out or insulted if they weren't mentioned. Leon asked Teresa to forward the list of block captains.

Patrick advised that he had a letter from the City of Dearborn about public forums on the City's financial situation and the need to determine which city services were valued by residents. Four forums have been scheduled. Patrick will provide a copy of this letter to Mike. Mike will make copies and give to Teresa for distribution with the newsletter.

Patrick requested that the Board identify major projects within the District, and suggested that he obtain proposals for re-building the gazebo and / or replacing the District-owned tents. All agreed. This will be re-visited at a future board meeting.

Mark advised that he was having problems with the District bank account. He has not been able to obtain sign-off from former officers of the District, and he is now not able to use the ATM card. It was suggested that the current bank account be closed (with the help of Dan Alford – former FHHD treasurer) and moved to a different bank. It was agreed that the president and the treasurer of the District be listed on the account. Mark will handle getting the current account closed, and requested that Leon meet him on a Saturday (date to be determined) to open a new account.

No other new business. Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.

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Minutes submitted October 6, 2006

Prepared by Teresa Klimkiewicz, FHHD Secretary (2005-2007)