

Sheridan Neighborhood Organization Meeting Minutes January 28, 2008 (by Pam Lohse)

Welcome and Introductions: All board members were present.

The October previous minutes were read, Seaen MacKay motioned to accept the minutes, Bill Lloyd seconded and the minutes were approved. Next, the November minutes were read, Mike Romens motioned to accept the minutes, Bill Lloyd seconded and the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Seaen MacKay.

Representatives reports:

Second Precinct (2PAC): Bill Lloyd attended the 2PAC Meeting and gave the following report. June 24, 2008 has been announced as the date for the Northeast Parade. Crime has decreased by 4%, although burglaries are up. Three more speed guns have been purchased. The Second Precinct lead all precincts in productivity. Block Club training will be held February 21. State of the Precinct is February 23. Also, you can now sign up for crime alerts with the Minneapolis Police Department on-line.

MEND: Mike Romens attended the MEND Meeting on January 12. A list of the "Top 5" Empty and Vacant Properties for rehab needs to be submitted from each neighborhood. A follow-up meeting will be announced for April or May.

Sheridan Memorial Park: Jenny Fortman passed out brochures for the Sheridan Memorial Park. She reported \$3100 has been donated already. The Legionnaire newsletter will be mailed out to all legionnaires with an article highlighting the park. Three firms have submitted proposals for prepping the park (without the memorial). Seaen MacKay made a motion to allow Jenny Fortman to draft a letter to the park board stating the board's support for H.R. Green. Mike Romens seconded and the motion carried.

AFCAC: No report.

CARE: Bill Lloyd attended the CARE meeting. The focus of the meeting was on problem properties. Washington Avenue N.E. has quite a few (1402, 1408 & 1414) and a drug bust was also reported on 1432- 1434 Washington Ave. N.E. A duplex on 1405-1407 6th Street N.E. was mentioned as well. The amount of foreclosures is alarmingly high and they're trying to come up with a solution.

Committee Reports:

Events Committee & Outreach: Seaen MacKay announced the SNOBALL was fastly approaching on Saturday, February 2 and encouraged people to get the word out.

NRP: John Akre requested a six-month extension on the signage for the Northeast Arts District (NEMA). Seaen MacKay made a motion, Mike Romens seconded and the motion carried. John Akre announced the next NRP meeting is February 11 at the SNO office.

Business Committee: Bob Sorg reported that he was not sure of the success of the promotional post-cards but it was suggested that the cards could be used again for Art-A-Whirl.

Open Mic: Sally Waterman stated that it was a great SNOBALL poster again this year.

The Four Firkins: Jason Alvey spoke about a destination liquor store proposed for a location within Crescent Trace (1101 Main Street N.E.). It would be a specialty wine and beer shop with no hard liquor or mass marketed beer being sold. Crescent Trace has sold 16 private units and Catholic Eldercare is bidding on the rest (40 units). Seaen MacKay made a motion to support a new upscale business in Sheridan called “The Four Firkins”, Mike Romens seconded and the motion carried. SNO to invite Catholic Eldercare to the next board meeting to discuss further.

Announcements: Bill Lloyd attended the Holland School Reuse Meeting and stated that bids are open again for its reuse.

New Business: A Facade Grant is available for Businesses located along 13th Avenue Northeast and applications are due by February 19.

Seaen MacKay moved to adjourn the meeting, Bill Lloyd seconded and motion carried.