

Woodburn Association of Neighbors
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 28, 2008, 7:00 PM
Woodburn Elementary School Library

Attendees (on sign-in sheet): Paul Atkins, Susan Eason, Mark Furfari, Steve Gunno (& Ian), Ron Justice, Bob Merow, Betsy Miller, Paul Miller, Tamara Riegel.

1. Welcome (Susan Eason, presiding).
2. Approval of minutes. Minutes from previous meeting approved without changes.
3. Treasurer's Report. Tamara Riegel reports that we have \$209 collected from dues.
4. Woodburn Fall Fest.
 - a. Date of this event will be 9/13/2008, 4:30 PM, at Whitemore Park.
 - b. Tent provided by BoParc last year.
 - c. Porta John costs about \$60/day.
 - d. We can publicize this in the newsletter. (Volunteers to distribute newsletters listed.)
5. Neighborhood brochure.
 - a. Tamara Riegel shares a draft of the Woodburn neighborhood brochure, created with graphic art work by Steve Gunno.
 - b. Minor change to text suggested.
 - c. Cost for color reproduction would run about \$150.
 - d. Mark Furfari and Ron Justice each donate \$100 to the cost of printing in color. [Thanks!]
6. Housing Updates.
 - a. Some frustration that Woodburn isn't as involved (as Greenmont and Wiles Hill) in the neighborhood preservation program.
 - b. One approach: send a letter to John Martys with our concerns, cc city council.
7. Woodburn School Update.
 - a. Ron Justice and Dan Boroff met with Frank Devono and Nancy Walker.
 - b. The meeting "wasn't positive;" a new school for less than 300 kids is unlikely.
 - c. Consider a different route, major rehabilitation of existing building.
 - d. As an example, Wiles Hill cost \$600,000 to renovate, though not as a school.
 - e. Lot of literature is available on school renovation.

8. Block Grants.
 - a. Key thing: ID streets, emphasize those that connect to bus routes.
 - b. Topics already selected for consideration:
 1. sidewalks
 2. Whitemore Park (skip this, BoParc is doing it already)
 3. Landscaping between the signs.
 4. Richwood Garages (what to do?)
 5. Rentals near Woodburn school (improve appearance)
 6. Encourage owner-occupied and locally-owned rentals over absentee landlord properties.
9. Welcome letter: This is a letter to be distributed to your neighbors welcoming newcomers, explaining neighborhood expectations, and inviting them to participate in our association. Our intent is to have this available to residents via the Woodburn blog. [The letter is now available at <http://woodburnwv.blogspot.com>.]
10. Sign update: Cost for new sign can now be presented to City council.
11. Beauty spot update: It's looking great. Trees are planted. We can spend up to \$75 on flowers.
12. Limited Liability Company— An idea, suggested last time, to form a group to purchase properties as they become available was up for discussion.
13. Comments from County Commission candidate Ed Hawkins.