

BRAIRWOOD AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

SPRING MEETING Minutes – 03/13/2010

- I. Michele Easter call meeting to order at 9:07 AM
 - a. All members present introduce themselves and where they live.
 - b. Hall Reynolds (BANA Treasurer) proceeds with the Treasurer's Report saying BANA currently has \$475 in the bank account and expects to have \$645 after the meeting.
 - c. Joan Bachman (BANA Neighborhood Watch Coordinator) says the neighborhood has had a few robberies as of late. She goes on to say we all need to be more watchful and pay more attention to our surroundings in order to take preventative action to reduce robberies.
 - i. Joan said we need to be sure to keep our lights on at night, trim our shrubs below the windows, and keep our gates locked in order to deter potential robbers.
 - ii. Joan said there will be a Northwest Quarterly meeting on April 22nd and encouraged residents to come. She said they are very informative and it would be nice for a few more people from Briarwood to show up.
 - iii. Joan said the attendance at Joan's watch meetings is low and she needs more people to show. If more people would show she could get a speaker, and the meetings would be much more informative.
- II. Kathleen Countryman (CVSS Alert Center Facilitator) spoke next.
 - a. She told the members present that the alert center is on 7th Street. She said that in 1991 the gangs in Little Rock were bad prompting a public outcry. Due to the outcry, the alert centers came to be. The centers became very successful and the public voted on a sales tax in order to fund the alert centers. She said lately residents of Little Rock have become reactive and need to get back to being proactive.
 - i. She mentioned a possible way to become proactive would be to come up with a survey to figure out what people want. Also, more people need to show up at the quarterly meetings. If this happens, the police will see that people are interested and serious about their neighborhoods and will help more.
 - ii. Kathleen said if you ever feel yourself second guessing yourself do not hesitate to call 911. If you are in doubt you can always call Kathleen at 372-3856.
 - iii. Jim Bell said during Kathleen's speech that all phone numbers for the city centers are listed on the BANA website.
 - b. Kathleen went on to talk about the new "No Parking Ordinance" the city of Little Rock is putting into place.
 - i. This ordinance goes into effect on 06/01/2010 and will alleviate houses with several cars parked in the yards.
 - ii. The ordinance also allows additional parking for "special events" (i.e. Razorback Football Games). It also allows an additional parking pad (which can be gravel) as long as it does not create dust or standing water.

1. The planning department code officers will enforce this.
- iii. Owners are responsible for creating their own parking pads.

III. New Business

- a. Michele Easter spoke briefly about increasing BANA yearly dues in order to increase the yearly budget. She said the BANA Board decided to increase personal dues from \$10 to \$25 and business dues from \$25 to \$100.
 - i. Nell Matthews moved to increase the dues and Joan Bachman seconded.
 1. The member present spoke about the potential change. Jim Bell said BANA needed to follow other neighborhoods (i.e. Wingate) in order to be current with what other neighborhood association dues are and how those neighborhoods use their funds.
 2. The motion was unanimously passed and dues will start September 1, 2010.
 - b. Michele Easter said a nominating committee for the fall board election needs to be put into place. Not many commented, but it will be discussed at the next BANA board meeting.
 - c. Valecia Fields is currently working extremely hard to make the block parties better. Valecia helped with the last block party and it was one of the best in recent years.
 - d. The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30th at 6:00 PM. It will be held at the home of Chris Bulloch (12 Sun Valley).
 - e. Deadline is Friday, April 3rd for all articles going into the Brairpatch.
 - i. Valecia will be writing the block party article.
 - ii. Cara Tharp will be writing the membership recruiting article.
 - iii. Nell Matthews will be writing the article regarding issues concerning the "Briarwood Spill".
 - f. The annual spring plant auction/exchange is Saturday, April 17th from 9 am to 10:30 am.
 - i. It was mentioned that this could be a community yard sale in order to help BANA and Brad Elementary PTA. 50% of proceeds would go to Brady PTA and the other 50% to BANA.
 1. There was not a lot of enthusiasm regarding this idea.
 - g. The spring block party will begin at 4 and there is a sheet to sign up for what you would like to bring.
 - h. Michele is going to send out an email on who can attend the NW Quarterly meeting.
- IV. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.