

# UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS OF EVANSVILLE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Neighborhoods and organizations present were: Akin Park, Alvord, Ballard, CHAIN, Culver, Diamond-Stringtown, Eastview, GBC, Glenwood, Goosetown, Helfrich, Hilltop, Iroquois Gardens, Jacobsville, Mt. Auburn, North Country Club, Oak Hill, Poplar Grove, Presidents, South Lincoln Park Drive, STAR, University South, Vogel-Spring Park, Westside Improvement, Wheeler, and Willamette Village.

The meeting in the Red Cross Building was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Dave Ballew. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Morgan.

## **Minutes – Linda Jones**

Minutes of the July 23, 2009 meeting were approved as written. The motion was made by Jim Morgan and the second by Dick McKasson, motion carried.

## **Financial Report – Dick Tredway**

July financial statements were distributed. Fred Padgett reported the deposit was low this month due to not receiving a payment from the City for June. Payroll was higher due to there being 3 pay periods in the month. The report will be filed for review.

## **Old Business**

### **Sparkplug Banquet Update – Dave Ballew**

Dave announced the committee met on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will go out next week to the neighborhoods. It will once again cost \$10 per person with a neighborhood association. They are still taking ads for the banquet program and are still collecting door prizes. Don't forget to send your pictures and/or videos to Lori for the slideshow. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm at the UNOE office.

### **National Night Out – Dave Ballew**

National Night Out was held at Garvin, Lorraine and Akin Parks on August 4<sup>th</sup>. This is the first time since we started doing National Night Out in Evansville in 1995 that it rained. Even with the rain we are calling it a huge success. All 3 sectors had a large crowd; everyone left earlier than they normal, so we all 3 sectors closed down around 8pm. Plans are already underway for next year.

## **New Business**

### **Nominating Committee – Rene McCormick**

Rene announced the committee has met several times. A Secretary is still needed – if you or someone you know is interested in serving a one year term as secretary please let Rene McCormick, Linda Jones or Janet Coleman know.

### **By-Law Revision – Paul Farmer**

In your packet you have a copy of the old and the new by-laws. Please take them back to your neighborhood associations, look them over and make any corrections and let Paul know. They will be voted on at the October General meeting. There are several small changes; with the biggest change being the creation of 3 regional vice-presidents. It was decided that the best way to split this up was by Police Sectors since they are already created. There will more discussion on how this election will take place. It was suggested to split up by sectors after the UNOE meeting in September.

### **Walkable Neighborhoods – Paul Farmer**

Evansville Area Trails Coalition made up of walkers, bicyclist, etc... come together (Roberta Heimann) is the chairperson. UNOE was asked to participate in the group. They are working on a survey and would like each neighborhood to have their members complete at one of their meetings. Hope to have the first one done by next month.

### **“Pit Stop” – Cindy Neimer/Humane Society**

Cindy announced they started a new program called “Pit Stop”. She said half the dogs they get at the Humane Society each year are pit bulls and about 80 % of the dogs that Animal Control take in are pit bulls. The Humane Society secured funding that will pay to spay/neuter pit bulls. They had volunteers that went door to door in the CHAIN neighborhood and saturated the area with information on this program. They have the funding to spay/neuter 250 – they have done 50 and there are 70 on the list to be done.

### **EPD Survey – Lt. Loehrlein West Sector**

Lt. Loehrlein told the group they are working on a city wide survey that would be coming out shortly. It will only be 10 questions with the first 5 being multiple choice and the last 5 open ended. A copy will be sent to the neighborhood presidents, so they can copy it and have people that attend meetings complete. The Police Department would like to get back as many of these as they can – so they are asking for your help to get them out. You will be able to mail them back in, give them to your CPO or someone will stop by and pick it from you.

### **Other from the Floor**

#### **Komen Race for the Cure – Dave Ballew**

Dave reminded everyone the Race for the Cure will be held downtown this year. Beverly Kempf told everyone how important it was for them to support the walk and how inspirational the opening ceremony was. She believes they are getting closer and closer to a cure.

#### **Newsletter List – Dave Ballew**

Dave told everyone a letter was sent to the neighborhood presidents asking for names and addresses of people in their neighborhood that would like to get the UNOE newsletter.

#### **CPR/First Aid Classes – Dave Ballew**

Once again UNOE and the Red Cross have partnered to do CPR and First Aid classes. There will be a full day class held at the Red Cross building on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 8am-5pm. If you can't make an all day class they have scheduled 2 – 4 hour classes on October 20<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6pm-10pm. You must attend both of the evening classes to be certified. For more info call the UNOE office @ 428-4243.

#### **Heavy Trash Pick-Up – Dave Ballew**

A schedule for Heavy Trash Pick-Up is included in your packet

#### **Code Violations – Brent Jackson**

Brent announced he is working on a form that will be available online and can be completed online; that will allow you to submit all violations to the proper authority with one push of a button. It will automatically be disseminated to the proper department. He has been in contact with Tom Barnett and the Mayor about this. He will keep us updated on the progress.

### **Program: Front Door Pride Program – Tom Barnett Department of Metropolitan Development**

Tom reported there have been 151 projects completed for \$1,109,593.00 and 35 projects still to complete for \$371,409.00; for a grand total of \$1,481,002.00. The Front Door Pride Focus Area has been narrowed down to a 30-50 square block area – this will make a greater impact on the community.

- Strict code enforcement of all property; focus on rental property, vacant and boarded up houses for the first few years
- Looking at forming a Volunteer Corps; churches, service organizations, etc; the city will help with materials; such as paint, etc...
- Creation of a salvage yard/store; partner with an agency for job training...
- Brownfield Corp to continue to buy property and land bank it

You should be able to tell a difference in the area in 3 ½ to 5 years from now. They have built 6 new homes (5 have sold) and they are putting a bid out for 8 more homes to be built.

Estimating \$8.8 million over a 5 year period will be spent in this area.

Janet James made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, Gordon Dingman seconded, motion passed.

Linda Jones

UNOE Secretary