

SOUTHERN CROSSING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes  
May 17th, 2007 7:00 PM  
Home of Barry & Cathy Smith

Board Meeting was called to order. Present were board members Diane Ross, Debbi Graves, Orville Sauerbrey, Elaine Sauerbrey, Cathy Smith and Member Barry Smith.

**Secretary Report:** Motion was made by Orville Sauerbrey to approve the minutes of the April 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting and was seconded by Debbi Graves. Motion passed.

**Treasurers Report:** Balance is \$1,133.54.

Debbi Graves asked that Diane send the agenda to Cathy and she could send it on to the board members to avoid Diane having to print off all the copies for the meeting. Comments could be added to the agenda items or forward emails or attachments which would shorten the discussion at the meeting. Board members would be responsible for printing off their own copy of the agenda and also the prior board meeting minutes.

**Old Business**

**Membership Data Base Review & Update – Elaine Sauerbrey:** There are now 234 members. Elaine has made all the corrections. Good Job Elaine!

**E-Mail Data Base Update – Dave Thompson:** Dave is doing a great job of maintaining the data base. Dave and Elaine have compared their data bases for accuracy.

**Business Membership – Diane:** Dave has prepared and given to Diane an Excel spreadsheet of about 275 business names within our area. Diane will prepare a letter and also have Marney do a letter from The Old Mill encouraging membership. Diane has purchased envelopes and labels. Diane will send her letter to Cathy and the other board members for approval and then send it to Minuteman Press for printing. The letters will be taken to Dave for stuffing and mailing. We will need to purchase stamps.

**Assistance to neighbor of Orville and Elaine:** Orville had spoken to his neighbor who commented that we had “made his house beautiful.” Diane will contact the Bulletin about a story and is also sending a letter to Summit High School thanking all of the students who participated. A motion was made by Debbi Graves and seconded by Orville Sauerbrey to place a \$100.00 ad in the 2007-2008 wrestling program to help support the wrestling team. Motion passed.

Cathy asked for the name and email address of the coach so she could send the pictures of the clean-up to him.

**Summertime Book Fair at Old Mill – June 23rd:** Marney Smith is putting the book fair information on the Old Mill website. Diane has made up a flyer. They will be placed at Old Mill area businesses. The principal of Pine Ridge Elementary school will let us put up a poster and make the flyers available at the school. We will have a balloon clown lady and Cathy has ordered 500 helium balloons imprinted with SCNA, Neighbor to Neighbor. Diane is getting some helium donated. Pepsi is donating the use of a banner. RSVP has donated 150 books and there will also be two readers to read to the kids. We will also have a drawing for a bicycle.

**Spring Meeting – Discussion:** Diane has observed that once spring gets here everyone seems to get really busy with sports and school functions. She suggested that we consider changing the spring meeting to February to increase attendance.

Cathy checked the Bylaws concerning elections. The bylaws state “election requires a majority vote of the members present”. Diane was prepared to send an email out to the membership for the election of officers and board members, but according to the bylaws that will not be necessary.

**City Clean up – May 12<sup>th</sup>:** Cathy Smith set up a table to hand out supplies for the clean-up at Blakely Park. No-one showed up. There has been quite a bit of discussion among the Neighborhood Associations about the fact that having the clean-up in conjunction with the River clean-up was confusing for a lot of people. They thought they could only clean up along the river. They also felt that there could have been better advertising of the event. Cathy will send an email to Carrie letting her know our concerns.

**Website - Cathy :** Cathy met with Eloisa at the City for a one on one training and now knows how to establish links for getting the meeting minutes on the website.

The section of the website labeled “Our communities” has a paragraph about Mill Quarter Properties and a link to their website. Cathy will check with Eloisa to find out who placed that information on our website. Cathy has deleted it. We discussed putting pictures from around our neighborhood in this section of the website. Diane will send pictures of last years weed pull and some of the Old Mill to Cathy to include.

If anyone has ideas or suggestions about anything else they would like to see on the website, let Cathy know.

**Train Shack:** Diane talked with Mary Kay Bardue who is in charge of real estate for Burlington Northern. She liked the idea of preserving the scale shack. She doesn't know what the plans for the land are until she gets the exact location, including the tax lot information. Cathy will see if she can get the information and email it to Diane. Mary Kay said that even if Burlington Northern has plans for the land she is sure that they would give us the building.

**Discussion on reprinting of our membership brochure:** We had previously discussed changing the inside of the brochure to reflect our recent accomplishments. Diane will prepare a list and email it to everyone for approval prior to printing the new brochure. There was also some discussion about changing the front of the brochure to include a photograph instead of the sketched picture.

**Other Old Business:** Diane noticed that there was a vehicle parked on the pork chop with a for sale sign on it. Cathy will contact the owner of the vehicle to ask them to move it. Barry Smith will get someone to move the rocks to prevent people from parking there. Then we will take a look at what we want to do for landscaping. It was suggested that we get the guy that takes care of landscaping for the City to meet with us and give us his suggestions. Diane will contact him and arrange a meeting for 5:15 on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

**Land Use Updates – Debbi:** Another meeting was held today, May 17<sup>th</sup>, concerning the Mill Quarter development which had previously been very controversial. They have lowered the height and added some openings and additional landscaping. Bill Smith commented that he felt the property was overdeveloped and parking was inadequate and the building was too close to the traffic lanes. He also recommended that he give some property and the Mill Quarter give some property to allow the addition of a left turn lane. Mill Quarter was not interested in cooperating with Bill Smith.

A new development on Merrywood Court off Coulter. They want to construct 16 condo units. Dave Thompson attended the public meeting. Increased traffic was a concern.

**Weed Pull – June 9th:** Cathy Smith and/or her daughter Jessica will hand out supplies at 9:00 A.M. at Blakely Park. REI will be participating again this year. The information flyer will be emailed to Diane and she will forward it to Cathy to be emailed to the membership.

**Other New Business:** Diane has received a communication from the Bend Parks District asking for representatives from the Neighborhood Associations to act as a liaison. She will send out an email to the membership asking for a volunteer.

There will be a meeting on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> concerning the new Storm Water Utility fees. All residents received a mailing from the City concerning this meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Orville Sauerbrey and seconded by Debbi Graves. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Smith, Secretary