

CHNA Meeting Minutes 2/20/13

LOCATION: Brian McMillan's House
START TIME: 6:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ryan Long, Ryan Lee, Anita Buck, Brian McMillan, Lisa Ferguson, Paul Ferguson, Jeff Harms, Gina Rizzo, Cathie Chesen, Sean McKenna and Jim Martin (President of Valentine Homes Association)



Approved minutes of 1/16/13 meeting

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

Ryan [Long?]: Does our budget need to be lower? Any outstanding debt? (Ted = \$800-900 outstanding). Lisa brought up damaged light post/neighborhood sign. It will need to be fixed or replaced. Needs a metal rod (pick up at Strausser)...not sure of expense protocol...

Ryan [Long?]: Discuss and approve budget for next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS

- PRESERVATION & PLANNING:
 - Discussed Southwest Trafficway (Summit to some of us), meetings **WILL NEED TO ATTEND**. Future of trafficway important to the neighborhood.
- EVENTS:
 - **FALL PICNIC, SEPT 21st:** Fall picnic was SEPT 15th last year. Low Latino attendance was noted, possibly due to Mexican Independence Day. Will move Fall Picnic Day to Sept 21st at 5:00pm to avoid conflict with Mexican Holiday.
 - **GARAGE SALE, MAY 11th:** Garage Sale has been in August for a few years. Lisa suggested moving it to May this year. People are more excited about garage sales earlier in the season thus participation and traffic might improve sales. Date of May 11th was suggested. Also, discussed having Salvation Army or DAV scheduled to come out the same day to pick up left-over garage sale items.
 - **DUMPSTER DAY, MAY 18th & OCT 19th:** Last year months were May and October. Will leave it May and October this year as well. Decided May 18 and October 19 for 2013. Same time (7:00 to 12:00). Discussed taking pictures at 12:00 of all the dumpsters, (just in case we might need this if the dumpster company is late in picking them up).
- COMMUNICATIONS: n/a

TREASURER REPORT

- Discussed outstanding funds to Ted of approx. \$800

GUEST SPEAKER

JIM MARTIN, President of Valentine was in attendance to discuss problems with public schools in the

KCMO school district. It is a big, (biggest) issue for our neighborhoods. The elementary public school for the neighborhood is located at 28th and Holmes which is Longfellow Elementary School. The district has a good school board right now but it has its hands full right now with accreditation problems. What is best for the neighborhoods? Suggested forming a committee to look into the possibility of creating a CHARTER SCHOOL for the 3 neighborhoods of Valentine, Roanoke and Coleman Highlands. This group would be responsible for information gathering...how many school age kids, where do they go to school now, etc. He is proposing a "task force" to obtain the information in order to proceed. Cathie Chesen, Anita Buck and Sean Mckenna have expressed interest in the formation of a task force for Coleman Highlands.

Ryan [Long? Lee?] wanted to remind everyone of the PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Lafayette Academy this Saturday morning (fundraiser for kid's trip).