

## MAY 25, 2011 CCHCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

compiled by Judy Fraser, secretary

LOCATION: Steve Caruso, 3420 Park Hill Place

IN ATTENDANCE: Steve Caruso, Dia Pullen, Jennifer Melton, Jennifer Passey, Jennifer Kelly, Leslie Daniels, Toby Sorensen, Ernie Klimonda, Margarita Diaz, Laura Downey, Judy Fraser

Meeting convened at 7:30--Dia went over minutes from general meeting; noted David Bauer's "Patriot Link" organization that is establishing a service by nursing students at GMU to provide contact with older residents on a regular basis. Steve has brochures and info. Steve would like to make sure that we all keep an eye out for any residents who need help with yard chores or other tasks and we can find someone to help. -- Steve asked for input on meeting format - plans to call board meetings quarterly meetings to encourage others to attend, and asked whether meetings should be held at Blenheim or one of the schools. Blenheim costs \$100 so too expensive. General preference to keep meetings in homes, because it feels more personal and welcoming. Steve asked if we should have speakers to attract residents, and all agreed that speakers or topics would be interesting but would need to be in one of the larger locations. Some ideas were kitchen designs, city's stock remodeling plans, landscaping service.

Treasurer's report: Dia Pullen said that she and Andy will make the hand off soon, Dia and Steve will determine what is needed at bank. Checks over \$300 need president's signature as well as treasurer's.

President's report: Steve Caruso would like to emphasize creation of an inviting atmosphere and general tone for CCHCA this year and follow up on idea of one activity per month with more adult-focused activities.

VP Civic Affairs: Jennifer Passey discussed current issues with pool memberships not being available to new members. The pool board has not encountered excess demand before, and there is concern about neighborhood residents not receiving preference for membership. Steve and Jennifer have been in contact with the pool board member who is working on the problems.

VP Block Captains: Leslie Daniels stated that all households will still receive the hard copy delivery of newsletter. She is reorganizing the block captains and routes with the goal of matching more block captains with the block they live on. She is thinking about having a block captain meeting so the block captains can meet each other.

VP Social Activities: Jennifer Kelly will contact Stephanie Uttenweiler to see if she is available to coordinate the ice cream social on June 21st (6 pm). Jennifer will contact Leslie as soon as she knows when the flyers will be ready for delivery. Judy will contact Oasis Bikes to see if they are available for bike safety checks. -- The board worked out a schedule for upcoming social events: "Concert on the Commons" July 24 at 6 pm as part of Sunday Strolls. Judy will coordinate the event, find out # of chairs needed, get a sample program from Jeff Seffens and contact Lee Faber about use of their power if needed. Water Fest on August 14 - water activities, watermelons, needs a coordinator. Labor Day

picnic on September 5, Jennifer will contact Jay, the magician from two years ago, for entertainment. Jennifer K. will coordinate and will need more volunteers. Oktoberfest on October 1 with brats and apple dishes. tbd, needs coordinator. Jennifer K. will ask Tania if she will coordinate Halloween event on Oct. 31. Steve and Ernie (?) will drive for Santa visits in December. Laura will ask (via her mother) garden club if they will judge the Holiday Decoration contest and Laura volunteered to handle certificates. -- For Memorial Day weekend Sunday Stroll Dia has put together a scavenger type hunt which will be sent out on yahoo.

VP Membership: Margarita Diaz offered to individualize membership renewals by emailing a notice that allows people to review and update their information "on file" and reminds them gently to send in a check. Toby offered to help Margarita with mail merging for the reminders. -- Much discussion about using paypal and other electronic methods of payment. Jennifer M. has a phone app and doohickey that will allow us to accept credit cards at neighborhood events. Dia will look into setting one up for CCHCA.

VP Publications: Jennifer Melton is meeting with Andy on Saturday to pick up the newsletter template and related material. The board set the following deadlines for newsletter contributions: June 11, Sept 3, Nov 20 and Feb 25, and anticipates the newsletters will be printed 7-14 days after the deadlines.

VP Community Safety: Laura Downey noted no unusual safety issues in neighborhood, may focus newsletter contribution on city email emergency notification service and perhaps FEMA checklist. She will continue to post safety info pertinent to the neighborhood on yahoo.

Community Appearance Committee: vacant. Steve noted several overgrown yards and Judy suggested those who are concerned should call the city, and the city inspections department will deliver a reminder to the property and will cut the grass if necessary and charge the cost to the owner's tax bill. Steve would like to make a push to find a volunteer and asked Judy to work on enlisting someone, Ernie will provide a list of new residents who might be interested in getting involved. The job entails keeping track of any problems with trash, paths, adopt-a-spot, and general issues of appearance as they arise.

Historian and Electronic Media: nothing new since General Meeting

Signage: Steve and Judy will coordinate signs - Steve will keep and post the signs, Judy will make and print the signs

Welcoming: Ernie Klimonda mentioned that for the past 3 years Yanji Lama has been sending him weekly updates on houses for sale in the neighborhood. This has made it much easier for Ernie to identify and welcome new neighbors.

Recycling: Steve will ask Katie to re-publish list of what can be recycled in upcoming newsletter.

Board selected dates and locations for meetings as follows: August 17 Toby Sorensen; Nov 16 Dia Pullen, Feb 15 Ernie Klimonda, May 16 General Meeting location tbd. Steve will send out a calendar with all dates on it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.