

## **Minutes of the November 6, 2008, Meeting of the Crescent Hill Community Council**

President Pat Brinson called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m. She introduced a group of visitors from the Pleasantview area, who were attending to ask questions about activity at the Baptist seminary. The minutes of October's meeting were approved.

Treasurer Brian Butler reported \$11,578.72 in the council's main account. The report is attached.

Officer Marc Hall reported the usual car break-ins and such, with the usual admonitions not to leave valuables in sight in parked cars, and to lock cars. Some highlights: Burglars were caught in the act on Brownsboro Road, and police were able to clear several other break-ins with the arrests. Police also nabbed a robber who took a laptop case from a victim on Baxter Avenue. The robber asked for the victim's pin number, and the victim gave him a fake. But the robber found a frisbee in the bag with the victim's phone number on it, and called him to demand the right pin number. The victim's Caller ID picked up the robber's phone number, which led police directly to him. Also there was a break-in at the home of a person known to police to be a burglar. Unfortunately, Officer Hall said, he lives with his parents, who are nice people. And finally, a caller from Clifton Heights reported a plastic fork stolen. "Make sure and put your plasticware away," the officer said.

Lawrence Smith, seminary representative to the council, reported on building projects ongoing at the seminary, and on expected crowds there next June, when 10,000 Baptists will be in town for a convention at the fair grounds, and some of them could turn up in Crescent Hill. It turned out though, that those are not the things the concerned visitors from the Pleasantview area were concerned about. They had noticed that the seminary is buying up houses in their area, and soon will have a large contiguous chunk that could be used for expansion of institutional buildings. "We don't want to lose our neighborhood," one woman said.

"I hope you don't see the seminary as a blight," Smith responded.

"We don't, but it seems to be coming in our direction," the woman said.

Barb Sinai said a check of zoning rules showed that institutions have broad latitude. "They have zoning that permits them to do whatever they want on their campus. And once they buy it, it's on their campus," she said.

"As far as I know," Smith said, "we have no plan to do anything with those buildings except use them as homes."

Roz Heinz agreed to be the point person for the neighborhood on the issue. She'll be in communication with Smith at the seminary. Smith said the seminary's board has the last say on any projects that might affect the properties.

Former council president Bill Hollender made his annual pitch to the council for participation in the Santa Sprint, a Christmastime fund raiser for United Crescent Hill Ministries. He outlined the good done in Crescent Hill and nearby neighborhoods by UCHM which has programs that feed seniors and give them things to do, provide after school activities for teenagers, and emergency assistance for families who are having trouble with utilities bills and such. For the Santa Sprint, people pay to run or walk over a closed course, and some ask others to sponsor them, paying for their mileage. It's the ministry agency's biggest fund raiser of the year.

Kathy Batsel gave a report of the progress of the group organizing to spruce up Kennedy Park. It's going well, she said. They have come up with "a very beautiful master plan."

The council looked over a bunch of banner designs for the banner on Frankfort project, and approved one, on a motion from Cynthia Thomas. It also approved Brian Butler and Ann Adams's proposed 2009 budget plan, on a motion from Kathy Schmitt. Sue Ritman moved for approval of Historian Barbara McGee's Year in Review folder, and the motion carried. The folder has photos of block parties, cleanups, the Mayor's dessert meeting, and the like. She'd like to include phone books

from various districts that have put them together, and asked that members give her anything they think should go in this year's folder.

Joyce Cossavella also got approval of her motion to spend up to \$350 for the annual Holiday Open House at the Peterson-Dumesnil House, which is December 16. Nancy Knabler moved to spend \$90 to design and \$100 to hang an arts and crafts banner for the Fourth of July event. The motion carried.

Kathy Schmitt reported success raising \$585 to pay for police presence on Hillcrest Avenue Halloween night. They raised the money door to door, and it was \$185 more than they needed for four police officers. So they'll save the rest for next year. The street survived in style.

Jerry Fielden reported membership was at 587 members, and he turned over a \$1,000 check from membership due to Brian Butler.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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