



# MITCHELL PARK WEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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## **Board Meeting Minutes, January 6, 2010**

**Location: Childsplay Board Room**

Present: board members Pat Konomos, Billy Gawrych, Kirby Spitler, David Saar, Ira Domskey; neighbors Mac McGuinn, Chris Coleman

Previous meeting notes reviewed, approved by Ira & Pat. Others abstained.

### **1. Update on basketball court lighting**

Mac relayed info to board from Jeff Kulaga re progress on lighting upgrades. A drawing was submitted showing the line of sight, pole height (29 ft.), visors. A discussion followed regarding hours of lighting operation. Currently, the city proposes one court to be lit until 10:30, with second court to be lit to 9:30. Billy objects to the early off-time. Billy will meet with the city as an individual to express his concerns. There was disagreement among those present as to whether the outcome of the community meetings held during the summer was a 9:00pm shut-off time for the east court. Pat and David expressed the view that their understanding was the shut-off times were tentative until the lights were shielded. Chris Coleman stated he agreed with the idea that the 10:30 pm limit for both orientations of the court was fair.

### **2. Update from Visioning Committee**

Pat indicated that she had informally surveyed neighbors. From that small sample the consensus is that we should do things that promote positively park social activities, park art, and park music. Some neighbors wished to bring back the tool shed. Concerns raised by participants were security, sexual predators, and speeding on neighborhood streets. A discussion followed regarding how to bring people to our neighborhood web site. The following suggestions were offered: green expertise - advice on following green principles; a weekly humorous video; more listing of neighborhood and downtown activities; and a list of neighborhood specialists. There was discussion of ways the Visioning Committee could discover neighborhood goals. The Visioning Committee should find the best way to communicate with neighbors. Chris suggested beginning by asking *why* people are living in this neighborhood. He relayed he and his wife decided to locate here because of the strong sense of community in our neighborhood, and indicated that our goal should be enhancing that strength.

To that end, someone suggested a weekly or biweekly volleyball game in the park, with notification by flyers: the first game to be at the January 23 neighborhood meeting. Pat offered to make the flyers and Chris offered to make the copies.

### **3. Neighborhood Art Festival**

Committee Chair Scott Seibel was absent, so the discussion was tabled.

#### **4. Maryanne Corder grants**

Pat and David offered to attend the pending city workshop on these grants. Grant ideas reiterated:

13<sup>th</sup> Street median art, art at traffic calming areas, street trees, shade and or new equipment at Mitchell Park.