

## **South West Area Partnership Meeting**

Minutes of meeting March 17, 2010

Chair Adrienne Maurer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. After opening remarks, introductions were made all around. SWAP by laws were available to all, along with many other interesting community information pieces at the sign-up table.

Jim Sack introduced us to our new meeting place, the Fort Wayne Sports Club, and gave us an interesting history of German society in Fort Wayne.

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda, last month's minutes, and the Treasurer's report. The treasury balance was \$392.19.

Charles Heiny, Attorney, Haller and Colvin presented an overview on excellent overview on neighborhood covenants, complete with Power Point presentation. He covered title searches, assessor records, and told us of steps to take to amend covenants.

John McGauley, Records office brought a two-page handout. The Records office has added a neighborhood resource center to its website. This features the latest version of 7500 sets of neighborhood covenants. They are downloadable; go to the website at [www.allencountyrecorder.us](http://www.allencountyrecorder.us) to find them. McGauley then cautioned us regarding an ID fraud, involving the creation of fraudulent deeds, and then using those deeds as collateral for loans. Information is available on the website to prevent this crime.

Ken Nicolet, West Neighborhood Area Advocate reported that Ricky Kemry would speak at NWAP. He urged us to attend the meeting regarding the Renaissance Square project on March 26, and informed us of the upcoming FOP Pancake and Sausage breakfast on Saturday March 20. Ken also announced free CPR training to be held at the Safety Academy on May 8. Call 427-1164 to register.

Doug Luckner, DC, FWPD reported that crime stats have remained down for the last two years. Copper is again a targeted item for thieves, causing deteriorated rental status and houses that are more vacant. There have been numerous apprehensions of burglars. Aboite has had car break ins, West Central experienced thefts from garages, with padlocks being cut off and removed.

During Good of the Order, we learned the Lawn and Turf situation is at the City Legal Dept. and is under review.

We adjourned until April 21, 2010.

Carolyn DeVoe, Secretary