President: Lonnie Jenneman
Vice President: Kurt Germann
Sgt At Arms: Janet Niswonger
Treasurer: Elvia Parra

County Neighborhood Meeting

Located in the Omni Room City-County Building Tuesday, January 25, 2011 - 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Attending: President, Lonnie Jenneman

Vice President, Kurt Germann Secretary, Sandy Jenneman

Videos of meeting may be viewed on Comcast Channel 55 or Fios 5.

Also info on website: afw.pegcentral.com

Call to order

Agenda

7:00 p.m.

7:00 - 7:05 Instructions

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- 7:05 7:10 Marge White, Northeast Indiana Green Build coalition, gave information on the upcoming Green Innovation Awards. (Green or sustainable living awards). Items such as rain gardens.
- 7:10 7:25 Attorney Carrie Hawk Gutman answered legal questions pertaining to homeowners associations.
 - 1. A lien can be filed against a homeowner for unpaid dues. One year must pass then the lawsuit may be filed or up to 5 years. The deed for the property is under the restrictive covenants of the association.
 - 2. Solar panels, etc are a (green) issue and are still in discussion.
 - 3. Problems with vehicles parked on streets especially during and after snowfall was a concern
 - for many associations. It was advised that an officer of the association talk to those involved
 - to try to remedy the situation. Your covenants and amendments would rule this type of situation.
 - 4. Also robberies such as we have had, seem to be a problem in other neighborhood associations as well. It was brought up that some homeowners took photos of the vehicle and the police were able to make an arrest.
- 7:25 7:45 Allen County Commissioner Nelson Peters gave an update on discussions with the Mayor's office about collaborative opportunities between ACNA (Allen County Neighborhood Association) and the City's Citizens/Neighborhoods Advocates.
- 7:45 8:00 Lisa Downey of Northeastern Mgt. Group previewed legislation affecting neighborhood associations expected to be introduced in the state legislature.
 - 1. One concern was fencing around retention ponds.
 - 2. Lien Statute; a foreclosure lien is valid for 5 years. State Amendment # 1071

- 3. House Bill Amendment # 1058 states that the state Attorney General can come after a neighborhood association for fraud. (If financial accounts are misused).
- 4. Political signs are allowed to be posted for 30 days prior to an election and removed 5 days at the elections end.
- 5. Look at (Indiana Bill Watch) for more information.

8:00 - 8:15 Dave Fiess, FW-AC Health Department discussed the hazards of radon gas and what you can do to protect your home. It seems that Fort Wayne is a zone 1 (a high risk area for radon gas). It causes lung cancer in those who have never smoked or been around smoking. When your home is tested and it is a 4 or higher then you must have another test and get another reading. If there is still a high reading then a professional needs to come in to do further evaluations to determine necessary steps to stop the gas from getting into your home. Radon comes in through cracks in your basement foundation, floor, sump pump area, slab, crawlspace and even your showers.

Now, when a house is sold there may be a requirement to have the home tested for radon. If a house tests high then the homeowner will be required to install a \$1200.00 mitigation system.

Radon test kits were handed out at the end of the meeting. If you want more information on the subject of radon gas go to (allenco.health.com). Test kits are available at 2242 Carrol Rd. Phone number: 449-7459

There was also discussion about the mosquito problems especially with kiddy pools with the water remaining still for long periods of time.

8:15 - 8:30 General Questions & Discussion

8:30 p.m. Adjourn

Our Citizens/Neighborhood Advocate for the Northwest is: Nicolet Mike: 427-1122

Next ACNA Meeting: Monday, April 25, 2011 In City County Building (City Council Chambers Room 126) starting at 7:00 p.m.