

Cool Spring/Tilton Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2011

1. Welcome

Meeting chair Clara Zahradnik (President – CS/TNA) welcomed CS/TNA meeting attendees.

2. Nomination for Officers:

Nomination for President was Clara Zahradnik and Tyler Tracy.

Nomination for Vice President was Heather Hook and since know one else was nominated, Heather was voted Vice President.

Nomination for Secretary was Connie Smith and Regina Laftery.

Nomination for Treasurer was Tammie Williams and since know one else was nominated, Tammie will continue as being treasurer.

3. Treasurer's Report

IRS informed of accounting year change to July 1 – June 30.

Epostcard must be filed by November 15

Tammie read the Treasurer report for the year ending (Oct 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). There was a question about the \$25.00 fee for the State of DE and Clara explained the reason for the fee.

She also read the proposed budget for 2011-2012. Ed accepted the 2011-2012 budget and Heather second.

There was a question about our saving account and Clara explained that we have it just in case we need to go another route if West End stops doing our printing of the newsletter and the money in the savings would be used for that purpose.

Sammy stated that he will submit a letter for funding for the new year for the Association.

4. Announcements

Kevin Melloy suggested that the families that hosted the porch pot lucks be reimbursed \$25.00.

Tyler Tracy suggested to have a goal of doubling membership this year.

Daffodil bulb planting at Cool Spring Park, Saturday, October 22. If there are more bulbs leftover to be planted at Lewis School and Jackson Street.

It was suggested that some of the money that the association raises could be used to help organizations or programs in our neighborhood.

It was suggested to make a list a list of resource or programs within the neighborhood that could the each other.

Cool Spring Streetscape Projected accepted for the Transportation Enhancement Program. It was discussed that the fountain will be put back into the park by 2013. The Charles Park statue will return. Program should take about 2 years to finish. The maximum amount is \$1,000,000.00 and the association has to raise 20% (we have a majority of it) and some of the council will be donating. Ed suggested to ask Trinity or other neighborhoods to make a donation.

The Waste/Shred Event will be held on 10/1/11 at Frawley Stadium.

Wilmington Film Arts Festival was coming up and they are going to have movies for \$7.00.

It was announced that Mother Church is looking for volunteers for their after school program. They stated that any help would do (reading, helping with homework, etc). They have 22 students and the hours are 3 – 6 Monday thru Friday. If interested, please contact the church.

It was announced that the Dare to Care program donated 1,100 backpacks for school this fall.

Announced that they are putting up new lights and sidewalks on 10th Street. Tyler wanted to thank everyone for their hardwork who helped to make this happen.

Kevin announced that a new Café will be opening up in the neighborhood this year.

Kevin also announced a Cancer Cure Walk to be held at Riverfront on September 24, 2011. Registration starts at 9:00. Heather will post more info on our Facebook page.

Angela Henry spoke about the 911 walk that she did this year and that she is trying to work with the city about having a 911 Walk here next year. She will get back with us with more information.

3. Wilmington Police Update

Captain Marlyn and our neighborhood policeman (Office Mike) stated that the neighborhood has been quiet; there has been 45% less shottigs, 24% stealing, and 19% guns. Staff has been moved around to help out better. Was stated that some liquor stores have been closed down for 30 days.

They are working on the curfew program at the YMCA. Government gave \$130,000.00 for 3 months and in the program they had 250 kids and 16 were repeat offenders.

Working on a pitbull program with the SPCA.

Stated that last year they removed 70 guns and as of this year they have 130 guns off the street.

Sammy asked about the homeless people who are panhandling. It was requested not to give them anything.

We were told that the cameras in the plaza (by the weeds) are now viewed at the police station.

Tyler stated how well of job that Officer Mike is doing in the neighborhood. Clara stated that the police officers do get recognition for all of their work from us.

6. New Business

It was stated that there is a speeding problem on 9th and Broom and Heather suggested that a stop sign be put up at 10th & Van Buren. Clara stated that a traffic analysis was done and a stop sign was not able to be put there, but a traffic light. Sammy said that we will try again.

Sammy suggested that at our next meeting have discussion about the parking issues. Was stated that the tickets are getting out of hand.

Attendees

Clara Zahradnik
Tammie Williams
Ellen Priest
John Shaw
Henry Smith, III
Thelma Brown
Joanne Scott
Angela Henry
John & Judy Fardoulis
Eric & Liza Zumsteg
Doug Gerds
Sam Prado
Kevin Melloy
Joe Grey
Regina Lafferty
Heather Hook
Greg Luna
Jim Dolan
Dennis Gallagher
Natasha Gilchrist
Terry O'Byrne