

Sedgefield Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

July 9, 2013

Attendees: Debbie Robinson, Janelle Travis, Liz Porter, Jeanne Woolsey, Katie Zender
Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM.

MEETING TOPICS & ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

SNA Newsletter

David Newton, Debbie's husband, has agreed to become the Editor for the Sedgefield newsletter. YAY!
His email is DNewton@ESPN@AOL.com. Dates for next issue as follows:

- Ad deadline: July 18th. David will be soliciting for new ads. Payment to be mailed to our PO Box, which Candace will pick up and deposit to our account. She will need to communicate with David as to who has paid – or not.
- Articles due: July 22nd
- Info to Sam: July 25th
- Folding party: August 1st
- Mail: August 2nd

Next General Meeting is August 13th.

Speakers and possible topics:

- Janelle has invited 311 leader, Janice Withano (sp?) (who lives in Selwyn Farms) to come talk about their services.
- Debbie to invite the mayoral candidates. Invitations are out to Mitchell & Cannon, will invite Peacock.
- Char-Meck Planning sent postcards offering to present their latest recommendations from a stakeholders group about "Restaurants, Nightclubs, Bars & Lounges" ...Debbie invited them, waiting to hear.
- Debbie invited Ron Carlee, our new City Manager but he can't come until the next general **meeting in November**.
- Debbie will invite Patrick George to talk briefly about tree-banding...schedule this for **November meeting**.

Newsletter Articles

- Letter from the President – Debbie
- Photos from Sedgefest
- Highlight our Sedgefest sponsors one more time
- Article from 311 leader
- Upcoming fall items...Halloween event, neighborhood clean-up, etc. Liz has written and submitted to Janelle.

SNA Meeting signs

Board members updated a neighborhood map with desired locations – 17 of them.

We have 8 signs now, so need to have 9 more made (also changing name of church, thanks Liz) and then we'll distribute. Each board member will have locations where we are responsible for getting them out, and picking back up too! Locations to come.

Sedgefield Decals

Board decided to table this project for now, thinking that the money for these might be better spent elsewhere.

Sedgefield Elementary Neighborhood Park Project

Janelle routed a “dream” list to all via email. Once she has feedback from everyone, she’ll route to Vicki Saville who can respond about items that may not be allowable per CMS standards. Then estimates will be needed for each item, decisions made and fund-raising would follow. **NOTE:** Debbie told us that **Fifth Third Bank** looking for ways to contribute to the city...Debbie is willing to pitch us, and see if they might help us with costs for the park once we get further along in the process.

The Neighborhood Summit...

Is held in July. Debby wants to attend, but most of us are unavailable. Have to have five people to be registered, and so far, there are four people. Need to register really soon!!!

CDOT – No update at this time.

Janelle in discussions with Doreen Symanski about slowing down traffic on Poindexter.

Visioning for the ‘Hood...maybe use Neighborland for input, discussion...take a look.

<https://neighborland.com/cities/charlotte>

Philanthropy Project...we’re too late to participate in summer school project with Avondale & Sedgefield elementary, so maybe use November meeting as gathering point for clothing items for kids at schools, or holiday break food or something...TBD at next board meeting in September.

Upcoming Event:

July 25, at 6:30PM in room 267 at the Government Center, there will be a presentation by Clarion Associates about their findings and various approaches to updating Charlotte’s very outdated Zoning Ordinance.

Short discussion about what would make our general meetings better.

- “Food puts butts in seats” says Liz. So maybe have one or two restaurants sponsor each meeting...after all, there are only three general meetings per year in February, August & November.
- With a portion of our meeting time for food, create a natural segway from the social portion of “getting to know your neighbors” to “would you like to join us and work on a committee?”
- Perhaps offer daycare so that more parents could come...ask Grace Monroe if she would help (we would pay her) and use a parlor at the church for this.
- Consistent meeting location. As tough as the church can be for hearing speakers at meetings, unless we have a better option, we need to keep the consistency.
- Maybe help set up (or encourage) a mom’s group for play dates?
- Talked about our loosely defined mission: to be knowledgeable about politics, development and changes that affect our neighborhood and participate as needed so outcomes are beneficial for us.

Meeting adjourned about 8:20 PM.

*All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month except December when there is no meeting.
Dates for 2013 General Meetings are: February 12th, August 13th and November 12th.*