



**Sedgefield Neighborhood Association Board Meeting**  
March 10, 2015

**Attendees:** Jeanne Woolsey, Barry Rose, Katie Zender, Janelle Travis, Debby Robinson, Michael Seaton (late attendee).

Meeting called to order about 7:15 PM

**Treasurer's Report:** \$4,483.90 in bank.

**Jeanne Woolsey** will be attending the **Bike in Style** event with Vi Lyles on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Vi is trying to help with pedestrian and cyclists safety and access, particularly in the South End area.

**Monthly Board Meetings – Open or Closed?**

We began a discussion about whether or not board meetings should be open to all? Since we only have three general meetings per year, anyone interested in specific projects can't really get a handle on details, progress, process, and really can't get involved. If meetings were open, we could publicize and ask people to join us on a regular basis. Discussion to be continued when more board members present, because there are many pros and cons. Debbie suggested the model of an open session/closed session style whereby the beginning of the meeting would be devoted to whatever topic attendees might be interested in and then the meeting would be closed for board-only business.

**CDOT Discussion**

- Stop sign on Melbourne is approved and will be installed soon.
- Second stop sign near Selwyn Farms is opposed by residents and will not happen.
- Discussion held about a four-way stop at Melbourne and Marion, board voted in favor.
- On Poindexter, Janelle adamantly opposes stop signs based on the history of that street and the fact that car accidents have occurred primarily at stop signs because someone didn't stop. Board believes we should open to the neighborhood to weigh in. Jeanne & Debby will let CDOT know, send out letters. We could also consider getting a grant for bigger speed bumps.
- Debbie to get a sign posted for max truck weight on Poindexter.
- Debby has learned that nothing much will happen to address Park Road concerns until CDOT figures out S. Blvd.

- We also discussed cross walk, traffic light at Park & Sunset. There is some interest.

#### **DUKE POWER**

- LED bulbs are being installed in street lamps in our area.
- Ongoing: Certain areas of the neighborhood are constantly experiences outages. Duke is aware but nothing has happened yet.

Kyle Lee has passed away (he was the creator of our neighborhood Facebook page). Several people are Admins for Facebook, so we're trying to change "ownership" and make the FB page public.

**Zoning Update** – No new petitions or activity right now.

#### **Middle School Improvements Committee**

Debby is getting some traction from the Middle School. She is going to set up a meeting with the Community Liaison, principal and academic facilitator and hopefully, neighbors, to discuss issues and how to resolve. Janelle & Debby will go, try to get Ian and Debby Starowitz, Will Rice and others who live by the school and are also directly affected. Trying to set a meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>, 6PM. The Middle School has a Community Partnership meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> also, at 11AM and we are welcome to attend.

#### **Art Grant / Public Art Project + Neighborhood Playground / Park**

A big meeting with all the players is scheduled for Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1PM, at the Elementary School Media Room.

We are gathering ASC people, CDOT people, CMS officials and Parks & Rec all in one place, in the hopes we can determine best "ownership" of the upper field, how we can get our Public Art installed so City is responsible for maintenance, safety issues with the school and playground development for all.

#### **Sedgefield Elementary School Liaison**

Board discussed starting a new **"Support Our Elementary School" Fund Drive** – to provide simple playground items this fall such as jump ropes, soccer balls, kick balls, basketballs, hula hoops, chalk.

Colonial Village wants to partner with us because their kids are also assigned to the school. We need to reach out to Mrs. Gill for guidance on their needs.

Debby suggested that we might try a "Crowd Source" campaign for financial donations.

#### **April/May Newsletter**

We will have a printed newsletter (Janelle & Beth to spear-head):

- Michael Seaton – Article about local brewery
- Debby – Welome to neighborhood, also CDOT update
- Jeanne – "Charlotte Walks" update, also update on walkability
- KZ – Elementary school equipment drive (combine with food drive) (Do Google Fiber note)
- KZ/Debby – Summer School programs, food donations for summer
- Garden Club article
- Karen Willis – Jazzy Gardener

**SedgeFest – On May 2<sup>nd</sup> this year.**

Michael Seaton will not be in town for Sedgefest this year (he'll be in Pittsburgh), so someone else will need to take over food. Barry Rose offered to grill. We discussed food trucks, but their food is expensive. We will need to continue discussion and figure this out next board meeting.

Also, further discussion needs to occur about approaching advertising as annual package, which could include a year of newsletter ads (whatever sizes), plus sponsorship of SedgeFest or a booth at Sedgefest. We need to create a SedgeFest flyer with Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 options...Beth to take this on.

**August** – Elections should be held at the August general meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:32 PM.

*Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month except December when there is no meeting. Dates for 2015 General Meetings are: February 10<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>.  
SedgeFest was held May 3<sup>rd</sup> last year, will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup> this year.*