

A regular meeting of the members of the Roselawn Community Council was held on April 8, 2004 at 7:30 p.m, at Roselawn Lutheran Church.

President Paul Probst called the meeting to order. Several new attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion made by Tricia Davis and seconded, the minutes of the March 11, 2004 meeting of the members were approved. **Vote: Unanimously carried (RCC Rules: Membership)**

Fire Report

Lt. Prather reported there were no fires, 60 EMS and 13 special runs in the month of March. He recommended that the change to daylight savings was a great time to change batteries in smoke detectors. He also passed around a touch screen used to simplify department paperwork at the time of a call, and a thermal imaging camera that allows firefighters to see people trapped in smoke-filled buildings. Gerald Ware (352-2405) is the contact for "Safe Smoke House" to come to events for education and demonstrations of fire safety.

Police Report

Police Specialist Charles Dukes reported on increased incidence of child enticement, and recommended teaching children to remember license plates of anyone who approaches them. Also increasing is the number of false alarm calls due to security systems, which can cause a fine to the system owner.

The Law & Safety Committee will be coordinating Community Problem Oriented Policing (CPOP) training, April 20 at 6:30 pm at Our Mother of Sorrows in the cafeteria. This will be a 2.5-3 hour session designed to identify and solve community problems related to crime and quality of life. Specialist Dukes encouraged Roselawn residents to take an active role in supporting their community by attend the training.

Presentation by David Pepper

David Pepper was in attendance, and spoke briefly to encourage members to attend the CPOP training. He thanked the RCC for their continued involvement in their efforts to improve their community and past attendance at City Council to make concerns known to city government. He offered his number, 352-2440, and invited calls regarding concerns, especially regarding issues of Law & Safety. Mr. Pepper is a member of the Law & Safety Committee for City Council.

Committee Reports

Beautification

Ed Moser announced that Rite Aid had given permission to plant their vacant lot with flowers. This project will be part of the Great American Clean-Up on April 24. The recent Safe & Clean grant proposal was rejected. Ed is working on a CNBDU grant to purchase the vacant lot behind the Russian F.R.E.E. Center to turn this into a pocket park.

Business Association

Ed Moser reported that the association has not been meeting regularly lately. Roy Jones stepped up to introduce the new management who announced that Renee's R&B Café is now open for business, and offers catering, with live entertainment Friday and Saturday nights.

Education

Leonard Kirschner reported that mentors are needed. He also announced that the Board of Education will be meeting the following Tuesday to discuss plans to hire someone to oversee construction for the Master Plan reconstruction program.

Law & Safety

Cindy Shafer explained more detail around the purpose and procedure of CPOP, and will be sending an email to the membership. She also reported on the latest meeting with the Shell station owner, and that there are more open communications between the station owner and police as a result. Cindy also announced that the walking group will be starting again on Monday, April 12 at the corner of Reading and Section Roads.

Litter

Gary Moffett announced the Great American Cleanup will meet at the library at 9:30-10 on April 24. They will pick up litter or work on the Rite Aid lot planting from 10-12, then celebrate their accomplishment at the old Dollar Store. LaRosa's and Off the Hook will be providing refreshments. Also on that day, Firestone will be accepting batteries and used motor oil at no charge. NuBlend Paints will accept cans of used latex paint at no charge.

Membership

Paul Probst urged those who are not members of the RCC to become members. Membership dues are not prorated.

Newsletter

Mary Donaldson requested items for the newsletter, and announced that the newsletter will be sent out early next week.

Website

Lorie Buxton invited the membership to look at the website often, as it is being updated regularly. She also asked anyone who did not receive the email announcing the change in location for the April meeting to respond with their email address via the website.

Youth Program

Paul Probst announced the next meeting is April 21 at 5:15 at Roselawn Lutheran Church.

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CRC Report

Christian Armstrong presented the announcements for events and activities in Roselawn and Bond Hill.

Presentation of Slate of Candidates

Nancy Sunnenberg announced that Lorie Buxton, Tricia Davis, Bob Ingberg and Ed Moser are candidates for 3-year Trustee terms, and Betty Reliford is a candidate for a 1-year term as Trustee in the upcoming May elections. Nancy explained that as yet, there were no candidates to fill any of the officer positions. More information about the process is on the website. Clifford Jones nominated Hogarth Merrick to be Executive Vice President, and Hogarth accepted the nomination.

Presentation/Vote - 2004 Neighbor Network Merit Grant Proposal

Nancy Sunnenberg presented a proposal written for INVEST's 2004 Neighbor Network Merit Grant program to the audience. The proposal seeks funds for two items related to the AHIMSA project: \$300 for the Opening Artists' Reception, and \$700 for a Tai Chi class at Roselawn Park. The CRC has already committed \$500 toward the hiring of a Tai Chi instructor for the class at Roselawn Park. Cindy Shafer moved to accept the proposal. The motion was seconded and passed. **Vote: 28 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstained (NSP Rules: RCC Residents)**

Announcements

In addition to any announcements on the agenda, Paul Probst announced that the city will be repairing the sign at Reading and Section Roads, and the NSP funds of \$1,700 budgeted for this item will be moved to another project.

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There being no further business to come before the meeting, Roy Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was seconded and passed at 9:18 pm.

Lorie Buxton, Secretary	