

University South Neighborhood Association
Meeting Memorandum

June 4, 2019

The meeting of Tuesday, June 4, 2019, was held at Spuds N Stuff on Washington Ave. Sixteen neighbors and five guests were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Sara Anne Corrigan at 6:35.

Guests were introduced: Mike Hagedorn, representing the Safe Haven House on Runnymede, along with Tony Metcalf. Also attending were Donna Holderfield from the Evansville Area Planning Commission, Kat Isbell from UNOE office and Archie and Mary Carter.

It was reported that the house at the corner of Bayard Park Drive and Englewood, which had been vacant for some time, has been purchased.

Sara looked into having yard signs printed for the neighborhood. The signs will be \$5.25 a piece and VP Mitch Luman will order 10.

This is a list of events of interest coming up:

- 1) On Monday, June 10, at 5:30 and Tuesday June 11, at 5:30, the city Area Planning will have a consulting group session for public information regarding some potentially sweeping changes in City codes pertaining to residential neighborhoods. The Monday event will be at the Oaklyn Branch Library and the Tuesday event will be at the CK Newsome Center.
- 2) June 15, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM: The Neighborhood Celebration Day at Franklin Street Bazaar. Bring your own chairs, if you wish to attend.
- 3) June 22, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM: A Traveling City Hall program will be at Eastland Mall
- 4) June 26, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM: The West Side Improvement picnic will be at Howell Park.

This is a list of upcoming free public concerts:

- 1) June 13 -- Willard Library/Tunestop
- 2) June 27 -- Vann Park/Jim and Lynna Woolsey
- 3) July 11 -- Howell Park/Kenna Elpers
- 4) July 25 -- Lorraine Park/Honey Vines
- 5) August 8 -- Bayard Park/Zion Reggae

Crime Prevention Officer, Chad Diedrich, reported a few mirrors were broken during the past month on vehicles that were parked in the street. A panhandler, that previously frequented our area, was reported to be back in the neighborhood. With the exception of the above items, the crime report in our area is generally good.

Treasurer Shannon Stigleman reported a balance of \$379.69 in our bank account.

Guest, Mike Hagedorn, explained history and purpose of the rental home operated by his company, Safe Haven, which is located at 628 Runnymede. Several neighbors had expressed concern over the operation of this house in our neighborhood. Mr. Hagedorn explained that the goal of the home was to provide a stable, albeit unsupervised environment conducive to the rehabilitation of non-sex criminal offenders. He apologized for not informing the neighborhood of his companies intentions in advance. After addressing several of the concerns regarding the operation of the rental property, Mr. Hagedorn abruptly excused himself from the meeting. Mr. Tony Metcalf, who accompanied Mr. Hagedorn, also excused himself a few minutes later.

Donna Holderfield, representing the Evansville Area Planning Commission, spoke during the meeting that since the property housed less than five non-related occupants and did not violate any fair-housing laws, that it was a legally operated rental property. Concern was expressed by several in attendance that this use of the property was not a "typical" rental property. Ms. Hoderfield stated that the meeting mentioned in Item #1 (above) could be a mechanism to make any necessary adjustments to the unified code, which might include provisions for changes to the code relating to the use of rental properties for rehabilitation of crime offenders.

Archie Carter, 4th Ward Republican candidate for the City Common Council (City Council), was given an opportunity to speak on behalf of his campaign.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 2, at 6:30 at the usual location, the Lustron House.