

REVITALIZING NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2009

Present: Russ Lewis, Paul Haan, Mike Cary, John Gussenbauer, Mike Williams, Tom Moore, Jill Myer, Gail Heffner, Chris Thompson, and Carol Townsend.

Paul, chair, called the meeting to order. Updates were given on our ongoing and future projects:

Zoning Education Project

- ✚ We only need one more date for the Zoning PowerPoint to meet our quota. Gail pointed out, however, that we will do presentations even after July 31 (command performances, so to speak).
- ✚ Paul explained how we need to analyze the need for a community organizing position for zoning issues and recommend to Dyer-Ives. Gus suggested possibly combining that position with a foreclosure-related person.
- ✚ Carol distributed copies of our first brochure – Traditional Neighborhoods. It is uncertain if the other 2 brochures will be printed by July 31.
- ✚ A third workshop will be organized on citizen advocacy – hopefully in May.

Neighborhood Indicator Project

- ✚ MSU Urban Planning students will be presenting their report on Wednesday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. at Extension. All RNC members are encouraged to attend. Kristi DeKraker and Amber Kilpatrick are recruiting neighbors to attend.
- ✚ Carol finished reviewing their final draft report. Although it is much improved from the first draft, some sections are very weak.
- ✚ Next steps: when we receive the report, the RNC will have to go through it, decide what recommendations they agree with, and how we want to proceed with this project.

Energy Conservation 101

- ✚ There are 3 neighborhoods interested in participating. Low income homeowners who have little energy conservation knowledge would be targeted.
- ✚ Funding cannot yet be found. Gus and Jill suggested applying to the ENTF. Carol will first talk with Karen Tolan of ASCET and then David Schroeder.

Summer Intern

- ✚ Mike Raley has been hired as Carol's summer intern. He will start May 18.
- ✚ His 2 main projects will be evaluations. One on the zoning project and one on the neighborhood commercial energy project conducted last year.

Meeting adjourned just before 10:30 a.m.