

CANA Membership Meeting
July 28, 2009 7:00 p.m. Fire Station Union Hall, 623 E. Saint Clair Street, Indianapolis, IN

CANA President, Gary Pike called the meeting to order.

A thank you was extended to Henry's On East for the refreshments and note made that they now serve a brunch on the weekend.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the June minutes. They were approved by voice vote.

Membership report: Larry Cleaver reported we now have 122 Chatham Arch members and 21 business members.

Treasurer's report: Larry Cleaver gave an update for Peggy Cranfill.

Foundation Report: Steve Tegarden announced the annual Foundation meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on August 25th. Finances for the year will be reviewed and an update on the Chatham Commons progress will be presented.

Urban Design - Mark Porteous went over the procedures to follow when a street light is out. This information is also found on our web site: chathamarch.org. A red tape on the pole means IPL has checked the light, and it is on their "to-do" list. Graffiti removal was also discussed. Mark extended a thank you to Bruce Tryon for his years of service on this committee.

Tom and Sharon Battista, representing the East End of Mass Ave., gave a report on the Trailside Project currently under consideration by IHPC. Since this project involves a variance to allow for less parking than is usually required, they felt that both the merchants of the East end of Mass Ave. as well as the neighborhood may be affected and should be following the deliberations. Steve Tegarden gave a further update as he has been meeting with Bill Gray of the RADCC. Riley has committed to working with all concerned and the discussion of Trailside has been continued to the September meeting of IHPC.

Yard Sale: Jeff Cowser was thanked for his work both organizing and publicizing the sale. Members present felt it was a successful event. Sixty dollars was donated to the Foundation from the sale.

Good of the Order:

Sally Spiers has been named to replace Bruce Tryon on the board. She announced that she has garden surplus for the taking.

Richard Sullivan showed pictures painted by a friend of various houses in the neighborhood. He asked for help in identifying some of the structures.

Gary Pike told about the Ice Cream Social held at Anne Hardwick's house. Her winning essay that produced the Social will be in the next Urban Times.

The YMCA is looking to form a neighborhood dodge ball league.

Updates were given on the Cultural Trail, the Criterium Bike Race (August 15th), Citimark activity on their property at East and Walnut, and the Fringe Fest activities - see Urban Times for complete run-down on these.

Neighbor Stories: Martin Wagner (VP of CANA) started a discussion called "neighbor stories" whereby residents related their wishes and experiences with Chatham Arch. These are designed to give the Board direction and focus so that the people living in Chatham Arch are getting what they want out of their neighborhood. A good discussion followed with several issues being raised:

Members discussed the need for a Welcome Wagon Person to greet new residents and inform them of the benefits of joining the CANA association.

Other discussion topics included: Where is the Beautification Committee, who is in charge, what is it doing - or not doing? Branding of Chatham Arch - what makes us unique, a special place to live. Budgets - how much do the various committees have to spend and what are we doing, or should we be doing with our money. Volunteers vs. hired help - are there jobs in the neighborhood. e.g. curb and common space maintenance that should be hired out as opposed to waiting for volunteers to do them. Also, how to get individuals to maintain their properties was discussed. A challenge was issued to have each person bring a neighbor to the meeting - a new neighbor who hasn't been before or come in a while.

Steve Tegarden won the door prize for Mass Ave Pub.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by motion and second.

Submitted by Barb Tegarden