

**Geist Landing Neighborhood Association**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 7th, 2008**  
**7:30 pm**

1. Quorum Call – Call Meeting to Order at 7: 44 p.m.  
In attendance were Wes Hamilton, Mike Kistler, Andrea Preston, Barbara Schauland, Katyann DiSalvo, Lorraine Snider, and Bill Vassiliou.
2. Review of Minutes – Lorraine motioned to approve the January minutes and Barbara seconded. The minutes were approved.
3. Financial Report – As of February 5<sup>th</sup>, we have \$7,274.15 in the bank. We have 66 paid members to date. We have received 25 additional dues that have not been deposited yet. We have a \$23.31 outstanding debit for floodlights for an entrance light. Following a prompting in the dues letter that was mailed in January, we had 7 homeowners that voluntarily paid more than \$50 in dues for a total “extra” income of \$280. **Andrea is sending thank-you notes to those homeowners who pay over \$50.** Mike motioned to approve the financial report and Andrea seconded. The financial report was approved.

Katyann presented a budget for 2008. Wes is concerned that the snow removal number is too low, but the Board agrees it is a positive initial attempt at a spending plan. Great work, Wes and Katyann! We could try to cut back costs on landscaping. We discussed the mulch at the Falkirk entrance. Barbara and Lorraine reported that there is too much mulch at this entrance. It costs us \$325 for Carlos to mulch. We may not be able to refuse that portion of the work for 2008 since we have already signed the contract. Lorraine suggested that we have Carlos remove some of the mulch before he adds any new. Wes suggested that we could do the removal ourselves. **Lorraine will talk to Carlos about some possibilities.**

Bill asked what is included in the Business Expense category. This includes copies for the dues mailing, stamps, and various supplies such as for signs. Bill also asked why the Block Party budget is spread over two months. This is due to the fact that we have to pay for the rentals ahead of time. Lorraine suggested we try to keep our Block Party expenses down again this year. Bill asked if we are going to do security again this

year. We have budgeted for it. Andrea motioned to accept the budget and Bill seconded. The budget was approved.

4. CECO – Linda sent an e-mail about what is going on with CECO. A breakfast restaurant chain, Mimi’s Café, has purchased the building that was Castleton Arts and Antiques. They asked for a variance to allow outdoor seating, which CECO did not oppose.

The law office at 96<sup>th</sup> and Masters has asked to more than double the size of their sign to 79 sq. ft. The hearing is Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. CECO will agree to 40 sq. ft.

A third petition requesting variance to build a 2-story building behind a current dentist office on the west side of Shadeland across from the UPS store was withdrawn.

Joe’s Bar and Grill at 82<sup>nd</sup> Street wants to add 8 additional amusement machines to their current 4. CECO is certain the machines are not gambling machines since those are not allowed, so does not oppose the request.

A BRAGG meeting is scheduled for Wed. Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Hillcrest Country Club. The mayor will be there. An update on how, where, and when the neighborhood has accomplished its goals will be given, and new goals will be introduced for future grant monies.

The Great Indy Neighborhoods association is awarding mini-grants from \$500-\$5000. It is a matching grant, but the matching can be in goods and not necessarily in dollars. Wes has information on the quarterly grant deadlines as well as dates for grant-writing sessions. Barbara recently emailed information to the Board about these grants. See discussion of these grants below in New Business.

5. Trees at Entryways - Barbara reported that the Japanese maple at the Village Way entrance may be dead. If it is dead, she still has the receipt and can get a refund from Lowe’s. She has some ideas of trees that might look more appealing in that location anyway. Andrea asked about the dead trees that need to be removed near the Falkirk Entrance. At the November meeting, we had decided to try to determine which property the tree was on so that a letter could be sent to the appropriate

homeowner. It seems to be on the border of two houses. From previous encounters, we know that one of the owners is very upset with the association and is not at all cooperative. Andrea asked if she needs to follow-up and contact the owners. We decided to not take any action at this time since we don't have the money to pay for the necessary work anyway. It is the homeowner's responsibility.

## 6. New Business

Assignment list – Andrea made up new neighborhood assignments for each Board member, as well as Michel Pascal who volunteered to assist. She passed them out to those in attendance.

Neighbor/non compliance concern- Linda Hanson reported to Andrea via e-mail that there is an unlicensed car sitting at 8838 Haddington Drive North with a flat tire. **Andrea will have Linda call the MAC.** Linda also reported that 9526 Hadway Drive is in bad repair, has loose dogs and a loud vehicle. **She can call the MAC about all of her concerns.** They have the authority to do more than we can.

Lorraine talked to someone from *Keep Indianapolis Beautiful* and asked if we would qualify to receive some free trees. We do qualify since we are within the city limits. Andrea saw the publicity about the give-away also, and is concerned that the amount of trees we would get is very large. Lorraine suggested that we could plant what we want at the entrances and then offer the others to our neighbors. Wes mentioned that the Arbor Association gives away trees as well. Lorraine said they are very small and hard to keep alive. **Lorraine will do some additional research on the matter.**

Wes has a letter from INRC (Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center) that will allow us to join for 2008 for free. **Wes will sign us up.** They hold meetings, seminars, and workshops in order to advise and assist associations. INRC.org is their website. We had a discussion about grant money that was recently advertised by the INRC and was also addressed at the CECO meeting. Wes reiterated that the grants require the associations to locate matching funds or goods. If this is something we want to do, then we need to think of specific projects and carefully consider the grant writing process. This can be a real chore. **If members have specific suggestions and care to pursue the process, they can bring that request to the Board.**

7. Next Meeting – Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Bill's house at 9242 Champton Drive.
8. Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.