

Geist Landing Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
Thursday, June 12, 2008
7:30 pm

Meeting at Katyann DiSalvo's home , 8842 Powderhorn Way

1. Quorum Call – Call Meeting to Order -- The meeting was called to order at 7:53pm. In attendance were Wes Hamilton, Katyann DiSalvo, Mike Kistler, Deb Malloy, Andrea Preston, Barbara Schauland and Lorraine Snider.

2. Review of Minutes – Mike motioned to approve the May meeting minutes and Katyann seconded. The minutes were approved.

3. Financial Report – Our current account balance is \$11,135. Katyann made an additional purchase of “forever” stamps. Mike Sharpe has worked twice so far and has been paid for both. To date, 196 households have paid dues – the same number as this time last year. Fifteen households have paid more than \$50 for the year for total “extra” income of \$630. One woman is paying us back for the years she previously did not pay – she has arranged 12 payments to do so, which will provide an additional \$250. We appear to be a bit over budget, in part due to the timing of security payments and landscaping payments. We are also over budget for the newsletter because we prepaid for postage with the forever stamps. Hunter's Ridge (our adjoining neighborhood) is still expected to pay a portion of the advertising cost for the garage sale, but that money has not arrived yet.

Deb wondered if it would be beneficial to consider a combined snow plowing contract with Hunter's Ridge, but they do not plow all of their streets with each snow fall. We suggested that it would probably be difficult to get a contract with a better rate than our current contract.

Deb motioned to approve the financial report and Mike seconded.

4. CECO – Instead of a regular meeting in June, the members of CECO were encouraged to attend a meeting about the proposed light rail line from Noblesville to downtown. Linda Hanson did not attend the meeting, but forwarded a report via email from the CECO president who did attend. The meetings are intended to gather public input. Below is a copy of that email:

I sent an e-mail to our CECO president and asked for an update. This is what she sent: There are plenty of issues to be worked out before any final decisions are made. The purpose of the

CIRTA/MPO meeting last evening and the other public meetings scheduled in June is to get public input, identify concerns and take the pulse on ridership.

The time-line for this project is 3 plus years so there will plenty of time to catch up. The MPO has recommended the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority (State Fair Train Route) and light rail diesel as the mode of transportation. The route would be from Noblesville to the Downtown with some stops in Marion County . Obviously, BRAG is lobbying for a Transit Stop at 71st or Graham Rd inside 465. Construction of the rail line system will be augmented by rapid bus services to piece the route together and to facilitate getting folks to other destinations around downtown and else where in the city. The current ridership on the express buses from Fishers and Carmel has far exceeded expectation nearly 700 – 1000 riders per day. Requests for daily service to the other outlying counties are coming in as well.

There are good and bad sides to this proposal (pollution, property values, noise, business proximity to the tracks, costs, trip limitations) but the focus is on solutions ease a long term transportation problem. Here is a link to the MPO site for more info. Or to get to CIRTA <http://www.indympo.org/home.htm>

5. Newsletter – We have no plans for a newsletter in the near future. However, a neighbor reported the following incident to Barbara: a group of people fished all night at another neighbor’s home on Barbara’s pond and reportedly filled coolers with the fish. The reporting neighbor was concerned and pointed out that they should not eat the fish from the pond. Barbara suggested to the neighbor that he write an article about that for the next newsletter and he agreed to do so. Barbara also emailed the neighbor who allowed people to fish from his property to point out to them that the carp have been stocked for a purpose. (It was reported that one of the fish caught was a carp.) The involved neighbor was apologetic. Wes suggested that we could ask Mike Sharp to address the neighbors as well.

6. New Business

A. Yard of the Month -- Nominations for yard of the month that carry over from last month include: 8730 Powderhorn Way, 9310 Monte Lane, 8778 Buckhaven Drive, 8624 Appleby Lane, 9133 Hadway Drive, 9576 Hadway Drive, and 9452 Helmsdale Drive. This month the following additional properties were added: 8922 Buckhaven and 8737 Powderhorn, 9522 Falkirk Drive, 9359 Haddington Drive West and 8815 Burwick Drive. The winner this month is 8778 Buckhaven Drive! **Mike will deliver the sign.**

B. More about the stone wall -- Barbara ran into Adrien Calin at the garage sale and mentioned the stone wall to him. Adrien expressed interest in the job. After discussion, we decided that if we do proceed with the project, we will give him the opportunity to provide a blind bid. For now, the project remains tabled until fall. **We still hope to hear from Sheri whether her contact could offer us stones at a reduced rate.** Barbara wonders if we should thin the Falkirk lilies, but Lorraine believes it is unnecessary.

C. Block Party – Deb will be gone the weekend in September that we usually have the block party. Andrea suggested that we reschedule the event. The event is tentatively

scheduled for Saturday, October 4th, from 4-7pm. We will begin discussions and planning at the July meeting. In particular, stores will need to be contacted with food and supply requests at least one month in advance.

D. Backyard Circus at the Prestons – Andrea’s children are planning a backyard circus as a fundraiser for Indiana flood and tornado victims. It will be held July 24th at 7pm. Andrea requested use of one of the GLNA posts to place a sign in her front yard. That board approved that request.

E. New Walking Trail – Ginny Cain sent an email to announce the opening of the Geist Trail off of Fall Creek just south of 86th Street on the east side of the road. The path runs around the fence, over the Geist dam road to a path along Fall Creek waterway.

7. Next Meeting - Meeting will be held July 10th at 7:30pm at Andrea Prestons (9409 Hadway Drive). Deb Malloy and Katyann DiSalvo will be out of town. The rest of us will need to be in attendance in order to make a quorum. Be sure to inform Andrea Preston if you cannot attend the meeting!

8. Adjourn Meeting – Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.