

# Elizabeth Community Association Board Meeting Minutes

## August 16, 2010

### Hawthorne Recreation Center

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Board Members Present: Jenny Holman, Matt Nurkin, Suzanne Phillips, Susan Plott, Todd Rubenson, Melanie Sizemore, Peter Tart, Amy Williams

Board Members Absent: John Albert, Nancy Albert, Kara Gooding, Beth Haenni, Dana Inge, Debbie Johnson, Terry Lett, Amanda Loftus, Kristin Magas, Maya Packard, Ruffin Pearce

#### Guests/presentations

- Officer Sprague/Sergeant Stahnke – Crime Report
  - Judge Tim Smith, running for re-election
  - Chip and Lauren Jetton
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Matt calls meeting to order.

Officer Sprague – Crime – July 36 reported incidents, 14 larceny from autos. Seven non-aggravated assaults... rest were mostly vandalism, purse snatching, possession of marijuana. Residential burglaries dropped from four to zero. This month, nine total incidents, five larceny from autos. Also had the case of the underage drunk driver who hit two pedestrians outside of Jack's.

Officer Stahnke – Update on noise issue. Wrapping up a four week stretch of nightly monitoring noise at neighborhood bars and restaurants. Three calls for noise in past month. Two complaints from the neighborhood. One from Jack's; they shut music down after complaint. Other from Philosopher's Stone, not music, just crowd noise at 1:00 a.m. Will reduce monitoring going forward, but will continue on a random basis, and will keep track of it to see if progress is sustained.

Update on rewriting the noise ordinance – Matt – Received note that committee is working on it, but nothing further. Melanie notes that there is momentum building for a new ordinance, and not just from our neighborhood.

District Court Judge Tim Smith Election Campaign – Crime continues to be an issue in our community...most of the people I see in my court also have other problems, e.g., drug/alcohol abuse, mental problems, etc. In many cases we can issue "territory bans" to keep criminals out of your neighborhood. I have 16 years experience as an attorney and judge, and every day I go to work is an honor, a big responsibility but also a joy. I have been a judge for four years. Elections for judges are non-partisan, so checking the party ticket does not cast a vote for judge. I am asking for your support. Having a party to raise campaign funds next Thursday, August 19 from 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at The Double Door Inn.

Flashing traffic lights on Laurel – Kristin's not here – table for now.

Annual Meeting Dinner – tentative date identified for October 25 at St. John's Baptist Church in Broach Hall...but we're going to try harder to schedule for September. Matt will follow up.

Matt reminds the board that his two year term as president is ending. Need a new nominee for president before the annual meeting.

Todd announces intention to step down from board and secretary's role. Also need to identify a new nominee for this role before annual meeting. (After the meeting, Jenny Holman volunteered to be nominated as the board's new secretary. We'll add Jenny to the slate of new officers to be voted on at the annual meeting.)

Susan will stay on one more year as treasurer.

Beth will continue as vice president.

Parks & Rec, maintenance issue for Independence Park – Issue is still tabled for the fall. Melanie will get in touch with Beth to explore ideas, strategy, etc. Will report at next monthly board meeting.

Small Area Plan process – no meetings recently – but we should ask Andy to make a presentation on progress at the annual meeting dinner.

Finance – Susan Plott – Budget is in good shape. Still need to bring forth ideas for long-term giving plan to neighborhood non-profits. We did decide in June meeting to donate ten percent of profits from Home Tour and Road Race for this year to Thompson's Family Center and the Hospice on 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Trolley Path issue still open, but Melanie says it is designated as an historic landmark. Group of owners, to our knowledge, has still not achieved the critical mass that would be necessary to force a cancellation of the easement. Issues related to the ECA's obligation for maintenance, insurance, etc. still unresolved.

Membership update – Jenny – we have 199 paid members currently. Four board members not yet paid up – pay Janet!

Matt adjourns the meeting.