

## JANA Minutes April 15, 2008

- Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm
- Attendance: Dawn Morgan, Kimberlee Schneider, Russell Ford-Dunker, Mark Johnson
- Absent: Deb Schwandt, Linda Graf
- Guests: Mike Ellingson
- **Treasure Report:** \$133.00
- **Meeting Minutes:** Approved
- **Walk this Way:** Thursday, April 17 JANA is sponsoring the Walk this Way Event in the Jefferson neighborhood. The walk will be 1.8 miles and will begin at the Jefferson Elementary School at 7:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and spend some time touring the neighborhood.
- **Membership Letters:** Mark will update the letters and email out to the group so you can print them off as needed. Please make sure you email the group if you make contact with a business so that we are not doubling up.
  - Mike offered to help print off anything you may need printed.
- **Preservation Awards:** Three awards are to be given out in May. Two homes have been chosen and are listed below. We are still in need of a third recipient. Please keep your eyes open for any suggestions and email the address and a small description of the home to the group. We would prefer that the home be in the area south of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We would like to decide on the third and final home at our May meeting.
  - **Nick and Kate Naujokis**  
**1521 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South**
  - **Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kramer**  
**1411 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South**
- **Neighborhood Concerns:** Mark brought up something for the board to keep an open and running discussion on regarding the condition of properties in the neighborhood. One of the goals of the board is that we encourage people to take pride in their homes and their properties. Recently, Mark noticed two homes, one where the roof has literally

collapsed in and the second where the home has been sitting for two years with no siding on it. As a group we need to decide if it is best for us to go to the City and raise our concerns or if we should share our concerns with the city as individuals. Discussion was brought up about different situations where it could be a rental property as opposed to an individual owner. If an individual owner, the person may not be able to afford to make the improvements. On the other hand, some conditions are health hazards. Suggestions were made to get together volunteers to go to the homes and help with cleaning and repairs. Another suggestion is to give the homeowner a letter with information of resources available to them and offer to help before going to the city. This discussion can be continued and action taken on a case by case situation. In the end, one of the main goals of the board is to see our neighborhood improve.

- **Next Meeting:** By-laws and the mission statement will be discussed at the May meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm
- Next meeting is scheduled for *Tuesday, May 20 at Bethany Homes*