

Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting
Bethany Homes
July 15, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm
Secretary's Report: approved
Treasurer's Report: \$133

Attendance : Mark Johnson, Russell Ford-Dunker, Dawn Morgan, Jan Eliassen

Gladys Ray Shelter

Jan Eliassen, director of the Gladys Ray Shelter at 1519- 1st Avenue S attended the board meeting to provide an update. On July 9th about 300 people turned out for a dedication of the emergency shelter and the newly opened detox center. 30 members of Gladys Ray's family were in attendance.

Jan reported no complaints from the neighbors since they shelter opened.
There is no use of sirens by the police department.

Jan said that most people who are not drinking can access other shelters but in some cases their clientele need to stay until a spot opens in another shelter. It is the work of the shelter to connect people to resources and services. Jan and her staff of 10 intend to offer wellness and healthy lifestyle opportunities to their clientele. Currently, they open at 9:00 pm and close at 8:00 am. Future plans are to be open 24 hours a day.

Yard and Garden Awards

The Yard and Garden Awards have been delayed because the press release which asks for nominations from the neighborhood has not been published in the Forum. Russell suggested that we take his van to view the nominations at our next board meeting. Board members are encouraged to bring nominations to that meeting. Russell reported that he has visited S&S Landscape Center for gift certificates and that they had agreed to \$25. per award winner.

Jefferson PTA contact is Jim Anderson 237-0749 jima2323@hotmail.com

Dawn contacted Jody Anderson. Her husband has been elected the President of the Jefferson PTA. According to Jody, the organization reforms each fall when memberships are due. Jody said that their organization would like to have contact with the neighborhood association on issues of concern in the neighborhood. (One issue that she mentioned is the crosswalk between the school and the park. They would like to see an official crosswalk there and maybe even a flashing light. She also mentioned that they would like to see the walkway into the park cleared of some of the vegetation that makes children less visible from the roadway. Jody said that another issue that is a problem in the neighborhood is that few people have email at home which has become the primary way in which most people communicate.) *

- (Area in quotes was added to minutes by Dawn)

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Old Business:

By-law review and Mission Statement – Dawn, Russell and Jay
Run Down Properties
Historic Stories for Website - Russell

Next Meeting: August 19th 6:00 pm, Bethany Homes
Adjournment