

JANA Board Meeting Minutes
19 May 2009
6:00 pm
Bethany Homes Conference Room

Attendance: Mark Johnson, Dawn Morgan, Jay Nelson, Natasha Neihart,
Commissioner Brad Wimmer, Eric Dahlgren (Hawthorne Neighborhood)

Call to Order
Secretary's Report accepted
Treasurer's Report accepted

- 1- **Park Update:** The JANA board met on May 2 at 10:00 for **park clean-up**. The park was in good condition and clean-up took about one hour. Bags were provided by the Parks Department

Park signage was discussed. Adding the website address to the sign/signs will be considered once installed in the park.

2-Preservation Awards: The board boarded Dawn's van and toured the neighborhood for possible award winners. Natasha Neihart accompanied the group. Time was short and three were identified. Dawn spoke to Simonsons about the \$25 gift certificates and was told that that policy has been suspended and that donations are given to the Homebuilder's Association with the instruction to donate to groups. Mark suggested that we contact the Homebuilders Association and ask for a donation. Simonsons did say that they will give a 5% deduction on any purchases made of materials or installations. They want the names of the award winners for their records. Dawn also mentioned Peterson Paint as a possible gift certificate donor.

- 2- **Signage at University and 13th Ave:** Brad Wimmer and Eric Dahlgren attended the meeting. Dawn and Natasha had both attended the Preservation Commission and the Planning Commission meetings last week. The Planning Commission had been approached by Steve Stremick who owns property at the corner of University and 13th. He was seeking permission to install a LED sign at that corner. It was slipped by the PC earlier since there is not language differentiating a LED sign from a flood lit sign. The City Commission yesterday, May 18, created a moratorium on LED signs until the sign code can be updated.
- 3- Dawn's intention in attending the Preservation Commission meeting was to introduce the **Land Code development project** coming up this summer for preservation of residential properties on University from Main to 13th Ave. University Drive separates the two neighborhoods, Hawthorne and Jefferson. The two associations have agreed to partner in an effort to further residential Preservation on University.

- 4- **Neighborhood Watch** : Mark reported that he had spoken with Tara at the police department and that they are attempting to reinstall the Neighborhood Watch program. Mark indicated that Tara expressed an interest in attending a board meeting.
- 5 – We have had no luck in contacts with the **Jefferson principle or the PTA**. Dawn and Jay have made contacts with no reciprocation on their side. We need to set up a meeting with the principle and establish a working relationship for the next school year.
- 6- **Stories for the website**: We have made no progress but Dawn came across a story written by Jim Ebsen about playing marbles at Jefferson School. It was published in the Cynosure, the Fargo Central Alumni Association newsletter. We will be able to put that on our website sometime soon. It was also mentioned that Bobby Vee grew up in the neighborhood and still owns a lot where his home once stood. It looks like we have another story in the works and maybe more.

New Business:

In leaving the meeting, Dawn encountered **Steve Revland** who also grew up in the neighborhood. In mentioning Bob Veline, Steve said that he knows where that Veline property is and grew up with the Revlands and the Velines playing music with others in the neighborhood. Steve offered to serve on the board and will join us at the next meeting.

Kathleen Erickson has indicated interest in our organization and will attend a meeting soon.

United Way was mentioned as a possible funder. They will need to be contacted in addition to the **Homebuilders Association** and **Peterson Paint**.

In addition, we should begin to identify rental properties that need clean up and then contact the **Housing Inspection** Department. In distributing flyers in the area of University Drive and 13th Avenue several rentals on the Jefferson side were identified as uncared for with clutter newspapers and run down exteriors.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: June 16th, 6:00 pm, Bethany Conference Room