

**Annual Meeting of the Jefferson Area Neighborhood Association  
November 18, 2008 at Bethany Homes at 6:00 pm**

- Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm
- Attendance: Dawn Morgan, Russell Ford-Dunker, Deb Schwandt, Kimberlee Schneider, Jay Nelson, and neighborhood attendees
- Absent: Mark Johnson
- Guests: John Mrozla from the City of Fargo, Jasper Schneider, State Representative from District 21, and Carolyn Nelson, State Senator from District 21.
- **Park Project:** Russel shared with the group about the completed park planting project which took place on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. It was a very successful event with many volunteers from the area. The park project is an ongoing project that will continue to update changes and make additions to the park.
- **Historic Preservation and Home and Garden Awards:** Dawn shared with the group pictures and thank you's of three winners from each category of Historic Preservation awards and Yard and Garden awards. This past year was the first time these awards were presented, but the board plans to continue this each year.
- **Rental Housing Inspections:** Mr. Mrozla from the City of Fargo explained to the group the different struggles of getting homeowners to keep rental properties up to code and shared various pictures from past inspections of some of the extreme things that are found. The struggles continue into the court systems. John shared his contact information with the group and encouraged anyone to submit any complaints or violations that you see in your neighborhood. John stated that complaints from neighbors are stronger than those that come in from tenants of the rental property.
  - **John Mrozla** – 701-476-6709 or [jmrozla@cityoffargo.com](mailto:jmrozla@cityoffargo.com)
  - Jay suggested a scoring system for each rental property and have it be updated on a website. Mr. Mrozla was going to look into establishing something similar.

- **Legislative Update:** Jasper Schneider, State Representative from District 21, gave a legislative update for the upcoming year. ND meets every two years and will once again start a new session in January. This session will begin with a large surplus and from this, it is believed an Education Bill will hopefully arise which would result in a property tax break.
  - Another topic that will arise, but will not cost any money is the reform of Work Force Safety and Insurance (WSI).
  - This session will be interesting because of the surplus and many groups will be requesting funding.
  - Carolyn Nelson, State Senator from District 21, shared some stories from past sessions and asked that people not be afraid to speak up to their legislators and share personal stories which can make more of an impact.
  
- **Update By-Laws:** Russel, Jay and Dawn recently met and went through the by-laws and updated the outdated language and added in missing information. The changes to the by-laws were approved.
  
- **Election of Officers and Board:** All officers will stay the same at this time:
 

Dawn Morgan – President      Deb Schwandt – Vice President  
 Mark Johnson – Treasure      Kimberlee Schneider – Secretary  
 Russel Ford-Dunker and Jay Nelson Board Members

  - If anyone is interested in serving on the board or becoming an officer, please contact Dawn.
  
- **Glady's Ray Shelter:** Jay was appointed by the JANA Board to be the liason to the Glady's Ray Shelter. He now serves on the shelter board too and updated us from the recent meeting he attended in September.
  - 35 beds available
  - Refer about 10 people a day to detox
  - In September, 46 people applied for housing
  - 26% of bed in September were filled by women
  - Next meeting will be held in January
  
- Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm
  
- Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 20 at 6:00 pm at Bethany Homes.**