



Shingle Creek Neighborhood
Association Board Meeting
Creekview Park
August 12, 2008

Attendees: Brock Hanson (C), Jeff Johnson (VC), Lori Hanson(T), Jeff Strand(S), Heather Besonen, Pam Owens, Troy Parker
Guests: Brett Haugen, Lara Bollweg, Birch Jones, John Thies

1. Welcome and Introductions by Chair Hanson 6:38pm

2. Camden Farmers Market Lara Bollweg

- a. Chose word Camden for the district
- b. Launched July 17th and had 237 this past week through October
- c. Four local farmers, fresh and wonderful produce, tell neighbors
- d. Can only have 5 farmers onsite.
- e. Loring school garden may be added next year.
- f. Talked about getting a special and bigger permit next year
- g. The Warren is the site at 4400 Osseo Rd

3. Birch Jones Strong Schools Strong City Referendum

- a. Worked with MPS, Principalship at North High School and now retired after 29 years
- b. Lives in N Mpls and 3 children who graduated
- c. MPS will be asking voters to support the referendum this November
- d. Run for 8 years 2009-2016
- e. 400 residents polled and asked what voters are willing to support
- f. Many willing to support despite problems and concerns
- g. Voters understand that all students need education
- h. Current 30 Million per year. Next referendum 60 Million
- i. Committed to smaller class sizes, ongoing communications, Oversight of Finances
- j. Completed strong accountability plan. We understand voters have issues with significant higher taxes
- k. If aren't successful at passing the Referendum will have to layoff 350 teachers
- l. We know public schools are in a competitive market
- m. Residents at the SCNA meeting comment disappointed at going with 60 Million rather than having options
- n. "Puts us residents in a bad position", wish there was a new option. Since we were deceived that the state was going to pay but hasn't paid.
- o. Residents comment "It will be strenuous on the taxpayers." And the greater need for stronger accountability and achievement: Willing to pay higher taxes but don't see kids graduating. And now MPS is coming to the public but why haven't you come out sooner?
- p. Residents comment that Olson didn't have text books so parents sent to their children to Wayzata. The Shingle Creek Elementary school closure is sour taste in our mouths.
- q. Mr. Jones acknowledges these legitimate concerns that children have left area and we know we have to do a better job at keeping them or getting them back
- r. Residents comment: The 60 Million is going to be divided between public and private schools 30 Million to charter schools. At the convention this was heavily debated and may have passed.
- s. When we talk about accountability, we have many schools sitting there.

- t. Residents comment: MPS has to understand how to manage the money. The answer isn't to come to the taxpayers every four years.
 - u. Mr. Birch: MPS has cut \$150 Million over the past 5-6 years, cutting teacher support, and leadership at the sites
 - v. Resident comment: Osseo had three options on their referendum. Why doesn't MPS have that option? There's no way to change the referendum language legally at this point.
 - w. Residents comment we're still paying for library referendum
 - x. Did the group have any sense that if Park Board would be coordinating with MPS more to help with the reduced budgets? Mr. Birch: MPS struggles with doing coordinating.
 - y. Residents ask: Are you worried with all or nothing approach? Mr. Birch: Over 70% supported the last referendum.
 - z. Northside Initiative is the campaign to get students/families back.
 - aa. Comes down to Trust and Accountability, and how are we managing money,
 - bb. Resolution distributed for the board's consideration
- 4. Agenda:** Motion to accept the agenda with one addition: former board member recognition as 5 c by Mr. Strand, Ms. Besonen, m-c
- 5. A. Treasurer's Report as of August 11th,**
- a. Report Ending 7-23-08
 - b. Motion to approve the July 23rd Treasurer's report and pay the monthly bills by Mr. Strand, Ms. Owens, m-c
- B. Secretary's Report by Jeff Strand**
- a. Board meeting and Marion B was here for both Board and Membership and Heather was at the Board meeting but not at the General Membership
 - b. Addition to the Owens Corning item "the release was only about 20 seconds."
 - c. Motion to accept by Strand, Besonen, m-c
- C. Planned Recognition for Craig Cooper and James Bratton**
- a. Planned for October General membership meeting
 - b. Need a Coordinator for fundraising and certificate and gifts and arranging folks to be there.
 - c. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Bratton were one of the founders of SCNA and did a lot with the Earth Day clean-up
 - d. Troy Parker, Jeff Strand, Jeff Johnson volunteer to help coordinate
- 6. Finance Committee Report:**
- a. Housing Contracts reviewed
 - b. 400,000 leveraged 2 Million over the past decade
 - c. Biggest changes: Emergency loan program, Home Improvement Loan Program, Home Buyers Assistance Program
 - d. Tried to match the programs with the current needs in Shingle Creek with the reduced funding in Phase II to meet the needs now in Shingle Creek. Especially if homeowners provide for matching.
 - e. Provide for emergency, and mortgage foreclosure crisis by having home buyer assistance.
 - f. If you have someone refinance where does the mortgage go? Jeff says the second would be subordinate to the new loan.
 - g. City signed a letter.
 - h. If the funds come back to the neighborhood then the income could go back out to the community for loans.

- i. Would support language crafted by CEE, that mortgage can't be allow to be subordinated rather than trying to grab back to go back to the pool.
- j. "Motion to approve the finance committee recommendation to accept and contract the revised Center for Energy Exhibits A and D dated 8-4-08 for SCNA's Phase II Housing strategies to Contract \$250,000 Revolving Home Improvement loans, \$39,000 for Home Buyer Assistance, \$10,000 for Interest Subsidy, and \$10,000 for Emergency Loans by Troy Parker, Mr. Strand, m-c
- k. Finance committee: Jeff Strand, Heather Besonen, Troy Parker, Lori Hanson, Brock Hanson, Jeff Johnson, Pam Owens

7. Action Plan Where are we? Where can we go forward?:

- a. Looking for volunteers for an events committee
- b. Moving forward with housing contracts are a huge step forward tonight

8. Visibility: To get home owners back into the community

- a. Camden Showboat days parade lost
- b. Consider working with Juneteenth to get community together.
- c. High visibility, family activity, participating with something that's existing possibly?
- d. MPRB Ice Cream Social last week would have been a good opportunity to be visible with 700 people attending.
- e. Hosted by? Haunted House hosted by SCNA?
- f. Advertising what's there!
- g. SCNA Budget had Halloween, Holiday on 44th, Heritage Day \$250 how do we want to stipulate funds be spent? Have banner at a station? Flyers, folder?
- h. Resident comments: Creekview sign looks old and junky. Needs to stand out and dates need to be correct and changed in a timely manner.
- i. SCNA has been reaching across borders.
- j. Adding that we need to be building capacity. Historically have affinity with LBNA, VINA who have capacity of office and central location.
- k. Juneteenth parade might be too long from here to West Broadway
- l. Heritage Day Parade possibly and tie in with Creekview?
- m. Kinnard Hanes Tractors are out there and Lind Bohanon was the headquarters for those tractors and now collectors:
- n. Pilgrim Baptist Church could also be an asset as one of the old churches in the community.
- o. Youth orientated? And Translation to other languages?
- p. Possible events: Duck race in the spring? Tour de Camden, Creek Clean-up

9. Old and New Business:

- a. CAN! Mtg about the arts was an incredible meeting.
- b. Connect with people Oct 16th next meeting
- c. Neighborhood was really clean before. Keep calling inspections and 311.
- d. Permanent Shopping Bag? Shingle Creek image for possible promotional items in the community.
- e. Next Meeting: September 16th 6:30pm due to the primary.

10. Adjourn at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by
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