

Sheridan Neighborhood Organization Meeting Minutes February 25, 2008 (by Pam Lohse)

Welcome and Introductions: All board members were present.

The January minutes were read, Mike Romens motioned to accept the minutes, Seaen MacKay seconded and the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Seaen MacKay.

Representatives reports:

Second Precinct (2PAC): Bill Lloyd attended the 2PAC Meeting and gave the following report. There was a big robbery bust in Dinkytown 36 laptops that were previously stolen. Gabby's has been issued 5 to 7 types of restrictions but might take up to a year to enforce. Burglaries and rapes are up. Crime information (clean-list) is now available online through the 2nd Precinct. June 24 is the date of the North-east Parade. 2PAC meetings are now held on the 2nd Mondays of each month.

MEND: Mike Romens attended the MEND Meeting and reported that they will move ahead with letters to the city concerning a list of the "Top 5" Empty and Vacant Properties for rehab. A follow-up meeting will be held March 14.

Sheridan Memorial Park: A tri-fold brochure is now available.

AFCAC: No report.

CARE: Bill Lloyd attended the CARE meeting. Convenience stores were talked about. Predatory loans were discussed and need to be reported. Foreclosures are high. Car stops are on the rise with major crimes being solved with these minor traffic violations.

Committee Reports:

Events Committee: Seaen MacKay announced that SNOBALL ticket sales were down this year. SNO needs to think about the possibility of moving the date next year, seeing that it is the 10-year anniversary. The next event is the SNOICIAL, which is the 1st Thursday of September (Sept. 4).

NRP: Nate Benton talked about NRP creating a land trust fund. NRP to create a flyer about housing, foreclosures, lighting, etc. GAP program preliminary list highlighting the "Top 5". Bike racks can be purchased with the city paying half for locations along 13th Avenue. NRP made a recommendation for the top three priorities: 1) pedestrian lighting, 2) RFP for the Grain Belt Building and 3) the "Top 5" properties. Deadline is March 14 to Diane Hofstede. Next NRP meeting is March 10 at the SNO office.

Business Committee: Bob Sorg put an application in for the FACADE grant application and is waiting to hear back.

Outreach: A flyer should be sent out by April 1 on information about foreclosures and the upcoming annual meeting.

Open Mic: Jim Bovino from the Ritz Theater reported they are late on payment. Board discussed that this should be addressed to Denise at housing. There will be a fund-raiser for the Ritz on March 7.

Holland School Update: John Paul has been following the reuse and has this report. Holland School Reuse has new criteria now. There will be Site Asset focus groups of 6 to 8 people in each group. An application needs to be sent (to Jackie Turner at Mpls Public Schools) to be part of the focus group. Meeting on March 8. They want to sell but not sure to who.

Announcements: Kirsten Rome head of the “Shooting Stars” program wants to apply for the \$10,000 CURA grant due by April 15. Mike Romens to write a thank you letter to National Camera for their support. There is a new paint program called “A Brush of Kindness”, for low-income households that need work done on their homes.

New Business: There are flyers/brochures available on the following: 1) Fremont Community Clinic, a nonprofit health organization, 2) Mpls Public Library with events scheduled for March and April, 3) PRG, a nonprofit organization available for housing and 4) Store to Door, an organization that delivers food to people who can't get to the grocery store.

Bill Lloyd moved to adjourn the meeting, Mike Romens seconded and motion carried.