

HHIA General Membership Meeting, March 23, 2009

Attendance:

Officers: Anne Borgmeyer, Kate Hastings, Beth Murphy, Tara Ohler, Stacy Ross, Barb Russell, Paul Sager,
40 members in attendance.

1st District Police Report:

Captain Speis Crime Report 2007-2008: All crimes are down. Burglaries continue to be biggest problem.

Mayor Slay spoke about effective city programs. Problem Properties Task Force. Crime has gone down. More jail spaces. Prison re-entry program cuts recidivism rate. Programs for seniors. Expanded job programs for adults and education programs for pre-school. Reduced lead poisoning – goal is elimination by 2010. Increasing Veterans programs. Mayor's staff cut 25%. Metro cuts have hurt city service. Stimulus money cannot be used for operations. Ball Park Village will depend on upcoming bonds to fund.

Woerner School Principal George Taubenheim No Child Left Behind (NCLB) We have a difficult state test. (5th hardest in the US). Only 6 city grade schools make AYP (annual yearly progress) on MAP. 50% are ESOL and test has language barriers. New literacy model at Woerner. Mr Taubenheim encouraged member to write legislators.

Dan Rehtien Fraud Prevention Task Force. 612-1412 Fraud alert email bulletin available. Warning signs of fraudulent business were discussed. Be skeptical of: bargain price; left over material; unmarked cars; discount for sign in yard; unbelievable guarantee; no person contact info; majority of payment needed before work; scare or high pressure tactics; no written agreement; Check with better business bureau and other references. Demand permits and liability insurance. Don't pay final 1/3 until approval by city inspector.

Alderman Fred Wessels

St. Mary's HS is expanding.

Remember April 7th Election

One million dollars in Crime Prevention Money

Everyone is welcome to Foodland every Friday AM to meet with Fred and Matt

Carondelet Park traffic study to evaluate intersections at flag pole and HH/Arendes/Grand.

There is concern about traffic turning into the new recreation center from Grand Drive.

YMCA Contract to manage recreation center not yet finalized. Monthly rate 45/individual;

69/family; Extra charge for outdoor pool; Guest of members can pay a day pass;

Matt Villa – not in attendance.

NSO Report TJ Minden new NSO for Ward 13.

Looking for block contacts in all wards.

Report auto mechanics in the street.

Operation Brightside Blitz April 4. Bags and flowers call Beth Murphy. Put trash 4 feet away from dumpster. **Carondelet Park Clean up April 18 9 am at Boathouse.**

June 13 Harry Potter Movie in the Park

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 pm

Anne Borgmeyer, Recording Secretary