

Edgewater Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors

Minutes of Meeting September 18, 2013, Rockford Country Club, taken by
Secretary Bill Simpson

Present---John Beck, President; Tim Moore, Vice-President; Bill Simpson, Secretary; Jeff Orput; Drew Williams. There was a quorum. Officer Eric Jones. Guests: B. J. Alexis, Kay Dohm, Loren Harris, Juanita Hickerson, Carolyn Peters, Mark Podemski, Orville Reichenbach, Lucretia Ristin, Sally Williams

1. Meeting called to order by President John Beck, time not noted.
2. Secretary's Report---Minutes of August 21 meeting approved.
3. Treasurer's Report---None.
4. Alderman's Report---Alderman (and President) John Beck will put together a list of streets and alleys especially in need of resurfacing. He pointed out that the Twelfth Ward, which he represents, is considerably larger than the Edgewater Neighborhood---extending across the Rock River to Alpine Road north of Spring Creek Road, and covering Boylan High School and Sportscore I. The city has come to favor concrete over asphalt for paving, because the cost of asphalt has increased significantly. . . . Drew Williams inquired about the possible dissolution of the city's Human Services Agency. John replied that the agency's functions would be better performed by other departments.
5. Webmaster's Report---The Association has 166 Facebook fans as of this day, September 18. Drew Williams directed attention to <http://RockfordScanner.com> and a related Facebook page that carry police and fire department information, including material that is not reported to the Register-Star and the local TV channels. A national online service, www.crimemapping.com, offers Rockford Police Department crime alerts. The Web site <https://edgewateril.nextdoor.com> and a related Facebook page are provided by the national organization Nextdoor, Inc.
6. Community Services Report---Rockford Police Department Officer Eric Jones, who has succeeded Officer Jeff Andrews, said that Jeff's on-the-job activity has been limited by a shoulder injury. Eric may be reached at 815/987-8274 and eric.jones@rockfordil.gov . . . There were fewer Group A offenses in August than in July (11-15) and more Group B offenses in August (6-5). Group A offenses in August included simple assault (4) and vandalism of property (3); Group B, disorderly conduct (2) and non-violent family offenses (2). . . . There was discussion of pickers and a panhandler in the neighborhood---no serious problem.

7. Newsletter---Juanita Hickerson passed around a prototype of the Fall 2013 online newsletter with "Good Neighbor Info" and an article about the Olympic Tavern. Much of this was in Latin. A postcard will direct residents to the Association's Web site and Facebook page.

8. Watering and Plant Committee Report---John Beck received an e-mail from a city functionary regarding planters along Auburn Street. Tim Moore said that there should be a committee to maintain the planter boxes.

9. Luminary Committee Report---Jeff Orput will continue to direct the event. The preliminary sale at Village Green is scheduled for Saturday, December 7; Luminaria itself, Saturday, December 21.

10. Other Business---Lucretia Ristin announced that there will be a block party Saturday, October 12, actually occupying two blocks, 2000-2100 Clinton Street. . . It was proposed that Juanita Hickerson become a member of the Association's board of directors. Bill Simpson so moved; Jeff Orput seconded; unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 7:03 p.m. Next meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 5:30 p.m., Rockford Country Club.