

Edgewater Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors

Minutes of Meeting October 21, 2015, Rockford Country Club, taken by Secretary Bill Simpson

Present---John Beck, President; Tim Moore, Vice-President; Bill Simpson, Secretary; Dick Berman, Treasurer; B. J. Alexis; Barb Berman; Michael Goddard; Mark Podemski; Lucretia Ristin. There was a quorum. RPD Officer Eric Jones. Guests: Molly Bhattacharya, Michelle Bowman, Catherine Baer-Mirza, Razvan Mirza, John Nelson, Orville Reichenbach, Jennifer Smith.

Neighborhood meeting called to order at 5:36 p.m by President John Beck

1. General Neighborhood Comments---Michelle Bowman asked if it had been officially and finally decided to bury the power lines along North Main Street; the answer was yes. John Beck traced the financing of the project.
2. Community Services Report---Group A offenses in September, 3 (down from 12 in August); Group B offenses, 1 (down from 2); "Additional Department Activity," 1 (down from 3). Officer Jones warned against leaving detached garages unlocked. Barb Berman called attention to homeless persons' pattern of occupancy between North Main Street and the river: along Country Club Beach, south of Cliffbreakers, under the Riverside Boulevard bridge.
3. Alderman's Report---Alderman (and President) John Beck responded to Jennifer Smith's inquiries about the relocation of the statue at North Main and Auburn streets, and about the effect of the roundabout at that intersection and the widened North Main Street on Greenwood Cemetery. Tim Moore wondered about the danger that the roundabout poses to bicyclists.

Board meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m. by President John Beck.

1. Secretary's Report---Approved; B. J. Alexis so moved, Tim Moore seconded.
2. Treasurer's Report---Approved; Bill Simpson so moved, B. J. Alexis seconded. The Board was shown a card from Rockford Country Club's directors, staff, and members thanking the Association for its donation to Fourth of July fireworks.
3. Webmaster's Report---None.
4. Neighborhood Cleanup---Saturday, November 7, starting at Michael and Jennifer Smith's residence.
5. Board and Officers for 2016---Bill Simpson will retire as secretary at the end of the current year, but will remain a director; B. J. Alexis was elected his successor as secretary.
6. Newsletter---No report.
7. Luminaria---Michelle Bowman speculated about publishing a flyer concerning the event as part of the Association's recruiting process. It was suggested that the flyer also draw attention to the Association's Christmas party, which will be held Wednesday, December 16, at Rockford Country Club.
8. Other Business---Regarding the Association's PayPal account, Mike Goddard asked about use of credit card reader for Fourth of July and other events. John Beck liked the idea of using it for Luminaria and the Christmas party. . . . B. J. Alexis proposed donating \$50 to the Walker School raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.; B. J. Alexis so moved, Tim Moore seconded. Next meeting Wednesday, November 18, Rockford Country Club, 5:30 p.m.