

Edgewater Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors

Minutes of Meeting August 19, 2015, Rockford Country Club, taken by Secretary Bill Simpson

Present---John Beck, President; Bill Simpson, Secretary; Dick Berman, Treasurer; Drew Williams, Webmaster; B. J. Alexis; Barb Berman; Michael Goddard; Juanita Hickerson; Mark Podemski. There was a quorum. RPD Officer Eric Jones, substituting for Officer Joshua Peterson, on paternity leave. Guests: Bill Barnhart, Norma Lee Barnhart, Michelle Bowman, John Conley, Barb Dulyea, Phyllis Holm, Ted Holm, Luella Kercher, Steve Lizer, Catherine Baer-Mirza, Razvan Mirza, John Nelson, Jennifer Smith, Michael Smith

Neighborhood meeting called to order by President John Beck, time not noted.

1. General Neighborhood Comments---Emily Hurd was reported to have raised enough money to refurbish the building at North Main and King streets for her restaurant. . . . Demolition of buildings on the west side of North Main Street between Fulton and Brown avenues was noted. . . . John Beck talked of additions to and subtractions from street lighting. . . . Alpine Bank will open a branch on Myott Avenue. . . . Mark Podemski directed board members and guests to www.crimemapping.com . . . Drew Williams called attention to car thefts in his part of the neighborhood.

2. Community Services Report---Group A offenses, 8 in June, 6 in July; Group B offenses, 5 in June, 4 in July; "Additional Department Activity," 4 in June, 1 in July. (There was no neighborhood meeting in July.). Of these, two reports of car theft were characterized as questionable. Phyllis Holm remarked on a car theft across the street from the Holm residence; if this took place in August, it will appear on the next report. A burglary from a vehicle in the small hours went unreported by an observer until morning, that is, full daylight.

President John Beck then called the formal board meeting to order.

1. Secretary's Report---Approved; B.J. Alexis so moved, Mark Podemski seconded.

2. Treasurer's Report---The Association's account at Associated Bank was closed; the balance of \$5,752.97 was deposited in Alpine Bank July 10. Approved: Bill Simpson so moved, B. J. Alexis seconded.

3. Fourth of July Committee---In the absence of Chairman (and Vice-President) Tim Moore, Drew Williams reported \$651.77 in expenses, not including cost of a portable toilet (\$175.00). Income included \$141.71 in donations and \$661.77 from concessions. John Beck praised Tim and his family for the thoroughness of their work, and the Auburn High School Key Club for its members' efforts. B. J. Alexis moved that a contribution of \$300 be made to the Key Club; Mike Goddard seconded; approved. B. J. moved that payment of \$300 be made to Rockford Country Club covering fireworks expenses; Juanita Hickerson seconded; approved.

4. Webmaster's Report---Facebook "fans" and Nextdoor "neighbors" both number 440.

5. Neighborhood Cleanup---John Beck complimented Michael Smith on his roles in the spring cleanup---direction and hard work. Michael volunteered to perform those functions in the fall cleanup, the tentative date of which is Saturday, November 7.

6. Newsletter---Hard copy probably will be issued in mid-November.

7. Alderman's Report---John Nelson asked about a proposal to rename Willoughby Avenue. Alderman (and President) John Beck said that the City Council is taking under advisement the consolidation of continuous streets by name, for instance Sharon-Ford-Willoughby avenues, presumably as Sharon Avenue.

8. Luminaria---Sale at Village Green Saturday, December 5; Luminaria itself Saturday, December 19.

Meeting adjourned 7:12 p.m. Mark Podemski so moved, B. J. Alexis seconded. Next meeting: Wednesday, September 16, Rockford Country Club, 5:30 p.m.