

Edgewater Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors

Minutes of Meeting June 18, 2014, Rockford Country Club, taken by Secretary Bill Simpson

Present---John Beck, President; Tim Moore, Vice-President; Bill Simpson, Secretary; Dick Berman, Treasurer; Drew Williams, Webmaster; Stan Arnold; Barb Berman; Michael Goddard; David Griffith; Jake Hamil; Juanita Hickerson. There was a quorum. RPD Officer Eric Jones. Guests: B. J. Alexis; Terry, Rae, and Dane Carbaugh; Maureen McFarland; John Nelson; Orville Reichenbach; Jennifer Smith; Michael Smith.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:43 p.m. by President John Beck.
2. Fourth of July Committee---Tim Moore led an extensive discussion of goods and services required for the July 4 festival. B. J. Alexis offered as many Frisbees as needed. At the time of the meeting she had 48; Tim said that 70 would be necessary. . . . Donations were coming from the Olympic Tavern, Der Rathskeller, Pino's on Main, Dairy Queen, and Culver's. . . . The city would provide much equipment. There would be portable toilets, one of them for handicapped persons. Mike Goddard and Jake Hamil would provide canopies. Cotton-candy-making apparatus was to be rented. . . . The Board authorized overall expenditure of \$650, including \$130 rent for the cotton-candy machinery. (Cotton candy, free in 2013, was to be sold this year.) Jake Hamil so moved, Juanita Hickerson seconded; approved.
3. Secretary's Report---Approved; David Griffith so moved, Jake Hamil seconded.
4. Treasurer's Report---Dick Berman went into detail regarding the Association's assets: popcorn machine, sound system, tents (2). Some part of Newsletter expense will come out of the snow plow fund. Approved: David Griffith so moved, Stan Arnold seconded.
5. General Neighborhood Comments---Dick Berman raised the question of the Board's attitude toward moving the sculpture at the North Main-Auburn roundabout to Memorial Hall downtown. Barb Berman said that the county already has a detailed plan to do this. John Beck urged persons who have strong feelings in the matter to declare themselves at a Board meeting.
6. Community Services Report---Group A offenses were up from 3 in April to 8 in May; Group B, up from 5 to 6; total criminal offenses, up from 8 to 14. "Additional Department Activity" was up from 4 to 8. Domestic troubles in the 2200 block of Logan Street generated most of the increases over April. Among the Group A offenses, 3 were in the "Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property" category. B. J. Alexis called attention to early-morning attempted break-ins to cars; Maureen McFarland described similar incidents. . . . Officer Eric Jones identified Web sites giving information about

registered sex offenders: [isp.state.il.us](http://isp.state.il.us) (left side of page), [vinelink.com](http://vinelink.com), [crimemapping.com](http://crimemapping.com)

7. Walker School---Michael Smith distributed copies of a letter he had written to the Rockford school board concerning the subject. Rae Carbaugh, who teaches at Walker, said that most of the Walker pupils would be directed to Carlson School across the river. John Nelson speculated about the Walker School building as a geographical police station; John Beck considered the building too large for that purpose.

8. Alderman's Report---As to the emerald ash borer blight, Alderman (and President) John Beck has received many complaints about cutting down ash trees that, at a casual glance, seem healthy. . . . David Griffith asked about the order of blocks of Clinton Street scheduled for reconstruction. It was said that the roughest surface, the northern portion of the 2100 block, can be leveled and the bricks reset for \$30-35,000---not several hundred thousand dollars.

9. Webmaster's Report---265 Facebook fans; 199 NextDoor. Webmaster Drew Williams reported that about 40 persons registered online for the garage sale; there may have been 60 houses where there actually were sales.

10. Newsletter---Editor Juanita Hickerson said that she probably could prepare an online letter in a week or so. Michael Smith proposed that he write an article regarding Walker School.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m. Next meeting: Wednesday, August 20, 5:30 p.m., Rockford Country Club. No meeting in July.