

Edgewater Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors Meeting
February 18, 2015, Rockford Country Club
Minutes taken by Secretary Bill Simpson

Present---Tim Moore, Vice-President; Bill Simpson, Secretary; Dick Berman, Treasurer; Drew Williams, Webmaster; Michael Goddard, Membership Chairman; B. J. Alexis; Barb Berman; Mark Podemski. There was a quorum. RPD Officer Joshua Peterson. Guests: Michelle Bowman, John Conley, Phyllis Holm, Ted Holm, Orville Reichenbach, Jennifer Smith

Meeting called to order by Vice-President Tim Moore, time not noted.

1. Community Services Report---For the first time, Officer Josh Peterson presented the report. Group A offenses in January, 4 (down from 10 in December 2014); Group B offenses, 6 (down from 9); "Additional Department Activity," 3 (down from 8). The sometime resident of the 2100 block of Douglas Street who has been written up in the minutes of previous board meetings has been arrested and is, as of this date, in jail. The "Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories" is one of several recent instances (throughout the city) of stealing catalytic converters. . . . Problems of the North Main-Auburn roundabout were discussed.

2. General Neighborhood Comments---The board learned that Edward Jones Investments (Michelle Bowman) has been joined by Rockford Family Dental (Catherine Baer-Mirza and Razvan Mirza, both D.D.S.) and State Farm Insurance (Jeff Saey and Jim Truninger) in the former Blockbuster building on the east side of North Main Street. Another consequence of the reconstruction of North Main will be the closing, in the very near future, of Stop 'n' Go at Van Wie Avenue. . . . Jennifer Smith asked about banners missing from the Auburn Street bridge. Mike Goddard replied that the Edgewater banners are still there; the City of Rockford banners have vanished.

3. Secretary's Report---Approved, with reservation expressed by Tim Moore; B. J. Alexis so moved, Dick Berman seconded.

4. Webmaster's Report---344 Facebook "likes," 394 Nextdoor "neighbors."

5. Treasurer's Report---Very detailed report; very detailed explanation by Dick Berman. Only two expenditures in 2015 to date: snow plowing February 1-2, \$1,150.00, and PayPal, \$12.76. Approved: B. J. Alexis so moved, Mike Goddard seconded.

6. Alderman's Report---None, in the absence of Alderman (and President) John Beck.

7. Newsletter---Michael Brandon Smith is writing an article on B. J. Alexis's house.
8. Neighborhood Cleanup---Webmaster Drew Williams will put on the Association's Web site the dates of this and other neighborhood activities in 2015. Mark Podemski suggested that there be two cleanups, spring and fall.
9. Easter Egg Hunt---Saturday before Easter, April 4. B. J. Alexis, Mike Goddard, and Mark Podemski volunteered to serve on a Hunt committee. B. J. moved spending \$500 on eggs and other sweeties; Bill Simpson seconded; approved. Barb Berman promised help from the Auburn High School Key Club, as in the past. Tim Moore will reclaim various Hunt materials from Stan Arnold.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 18, Rockford Country Club, 5:30 p.m.