

Edgewater Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors
Meeting February 18, 2014, Rockford Country Club

Present---Tim Moore, Vice-President; Bill Simpson, Secretary; Dick Berman, Treasurer; Drew Williams, Webmaster; Stan Arnold; Michael Goddard. Officer Cindy Smith. Guests: B. J. Alexis, Brian Beal, Joan Behrman, Jesse Dabson, John Nelson, Orville Reichenbach, Chris Reisetter, Pat Voit (representing Bob Springer, candidate for sheriff of Winnebago County).

1. Meeting called to order by Vice-President Tim Moore, time not noted.
2. Community Services Report---Group A criminal offenses were fewer than in the previous month (3 in February, 6 in January [12 in December]); Group B offenses were the same (8). Mention was made of men in or near a certain vehicle in the 2100 block of Oxford Street, apparently casing a house; and trash scattered in the 1800 block of Logan Street.
3. Secretary's Report---Minutes of January 15 meeting approved; Dick Berman so moved, Stan Arnold seconded. Bill Simpson called attention to Matthew Lerner's e-mail feeler for assistance in updating the Web site of Walker School, of which Matt is principal.
4. Treasurer's Report---None. Dick Berman mentioned several snow-plowing bills to be paid within a week or so. It was agreed that the contractor---Unitrim, out of Belvidere---has been doing a good job in difficult circumstances.
5. Alderman's Report---None; Alderman (and President) John Beck not present.
6. Webmaster's Report---The Association's Web site address is www.rockfordedgewater.org. The Facebook page can be reached from the Web site. As of this date, there are 226 Facebook fans. John Nelson raised, among other subjects, the Association's moral obligation to assist Transform Rockford. Tim Moore suggested that copies of minutes be provided at meetings.
7. Easter Egg Hunt---Scheduled for Easter Saturday, April 19. Michael Goddard described the deterioration of the Easter Bunny costume. It can be cleaned and repaired, but it seems excessively large; perhaps it would be better to buy a new one. Dick Berman thought it might be preferable to rent a costume--it would not have to be stored from one year to the next. Drew Williams moved that the Association purchase a new costume (maximum price \$300) and Easter candy; Michael Goddard seconded; approved.
8. Garage Sale Committee---Drew Williams volunteered for it. Tim Moore said that his wife would want to help in this matter. There was discussion of how

best to advertise the event. Query how long a sign could remain on public property. Jesse Dabson spoke at length about the history of the neighborhood's garage sale and the difference between the relevant conditions of Edgewater and Churchill's Grove.

9. Fourth of July Committee---Tim Moore heads this and would like help.

10. Banner Project/Edgewater Boundary Banners---Dick Berman said that, after several months, a check for \$300 to Professional Graphics still had not cleared. (NOTE: Dick subsequently voided the check.)

11. Other Business---Brian Beal advocated that snow be cleared three feet around fire hydrants. He offered to do that himself for residents who are elderly and/or disabled. Chris Reisetter related that he had talked with John Beck about creating and maintaining a public garden with native planting, on the order of (as B. J. Alexis observed) a World War II victory garden. Tim Moore urged that this proposal be noted in the Association's next newsletter.

Meeting adjourned 7:31 p.m. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 5:30 p.m., Rockford Country Club.