

Minutes

Cory Neighborhood Association Board Meeting August 13, 2007

Present: Richard Allen, Ken Braly, Lu Kivett, Steve Bowman, Barbara Ferrell and
Kevin Roderick
Absent: Dan Bruno, Joel Carrico, Werner Field, Ed Rael and Pia Rieppo

Call to order – 7:09 p.m.

1. Dumpster Day Update

Steve reported that we have all 10 locations and that he will be sending the list of locations to Valley Fair tomorrow. He also said that EarthCare Recycle will have two boxes at each location and will be going around to the different locations during the day to make sure that people are putting things in the right boxes. Steve will be contacting hosts to make sure we have enough volunteers. As a part of the discussion, it came to light that we do not yet have insurance for the event, and we need to get it. Ken said that we will not be able to get insurance through UNSCC since you usually have to request that six weeks ahead, and it is less than two weeks until Dumpster Day. Kevin suggested that we could get insurance on-line, and Lu also suggested that we ask Pirie Jensen, at State Farm, since she has been a supporter of the association. The Board approved up to \$300 for insurance. If it is more than that, Steve and Kevin should come back to the Board for approval.

Richard reiterated what he and Dan had said earlier that even though we are okay charging \$10.00 per load, if we asked \$20.00, then we would have more money for other projects. The charge, however, is set at \$10.00 per load.

Ken had sent around a list of what needs to be done for Dumpster Day a few days ago, and Steve and Kevin will be using that as a guideline for what needs to happen. On the list was a suggestion to get the volunteers together a couple of days ahead to go over the procedure and give them any supplies they need for the event. Lu volunteered her house for the meeting and also said she would do the food setup (Pizza and drinks) for the volunteers. Ken said that he has a word file for the sign-up sheet that we will be using for the event, and he could send that to Steve.

There was a discussion of the budget, and it looks like we are in good shape. Ken said we have a budget of \$3,300.00, and we are only going to need to pay \$1,000.00 to Valley Fair for the dumpsters. Steve suggested that besides the pizza for the volunteers, he would like to purchase clipboards with a box attached to the

bottom (to collect the money) and possibly reflective vests for the volunteers to wear. Ken also mentioned that someone might bring around coffee and donuts for the volunteers in the morning, and he thinks about two dozen donuts would be enough.

2. July General Meeting – What went wrong?

One of the issues with the meeting was the sandwiches. We asked Togo's for sandwiches for 200 people, but instead of giving us the long sandwiches cut into pieces like we had last year, they gave us 200 full, individually wrapped sandwiches. The cost was about \$1,000.00 – a lot more than we thought we were going to be spending on food. Someone from the Board did go back to Togo's and got us a 15 percent discount, so we got \$150.00 back, but we spent about \$850.00 net just on sandwiches, and there was more than we could eat. There were about 105 to 110 people at the meeting, and not all had full sandwiches. Many people only had a half sandwich. As a result, people were taking home leftover sandwiches. As we discussed, part of the problem is that we did not have a budget set up ahead of time. It was suggested also that we need to set some standards or guidelines.

Another problem is that the flyer for the meeting said, "Doors open at 6:45 pm" and did not ask people to bring chairs. The doors were not opened – we met in the courtyard, and many people did not bring chairs so had nowhere to sit. Ken said that we had held the meeting in the courtyard in years past to save money, but perhaps we should have it in the cafeteria next year. He also said that two years ago we had pizza, and maybe we could do that again next year.

We also needed tables for the people who were presenting at the meeting, and since the cafeteria was not open, Ken had to run home and get some of his tables to use.

3. Next Year's Board

Richard had sent an e-mail out earlier and also asked those at the meeting if they would like to be on the Board again next year (He said he and Dan would both like to.) The responses are as follows:

Kevin – said he would like to

Steve – said he would like to

Babs – said she would think about it

Ken – said no

Richard and Dan – both would like to

Lu – said she would like to

Pia and Joel – told Richard they will not be

Elections will take place at the October general meeting, so if we know of someone who might be interested, we should be talking with them soon. Ken mentioned that even though the election is in October, the new members will not take over until the December meeting, so there is time for existing board members to help with the transition.

4. Dare to Prepare Update

Richard said that Ed's mother is in the hospital, and so he would not be at the meeting tonight, but he will get together with Richard this week to give him an update. When he does, Richard said he will send that information along to the other Board members. Ken said that he went to the school with Ed on Friday and measured. As a result, we will not be using the courtyard by the cafeteria, but rather the courtyard behind the building near the playground. This was thought to be good for people who bring their children. Ed had said there are 34 vendors at this time, but it is expected that some will drop out.

5. Cap Grant Update

Ken handed out the Treasurer Report, showing what has been budgeted, paid out and collected for the various projects/events. To date, not that much has been spent for this fiscal year, and he said the challenge is going to be to find ways to use all of the monies that have been received in the Cap Grant. He asked the Board to approve the expenses for the July general meeting, and it was approved.

6. Other

Richard reported that he has received ten of the new welcome baskets from Valley Fair, he will get ten more next week and another ten the following week. He said we will add the newsletter coming out at the end of the week before passing them out. He will be giving the baskets to Steve to distribute.

Richard also asked about topics for the next general meeting. We are going to be continuing with the "Going Green" topic, and Art will speak at the meeting. He will also be writing an article for the January newsletter.

It was suggested that we get someone in from the airport to discuss the new construction and how it affects our neighborhood. We can also ask them about late flights and how the penalty monies collected for late flights is being used.

Richard said he would like to give out certificates of appreciation for all of the volunteers at the October meeting. Ken reminded him that January is when we announce the Volunteer of the Year, but of course, we could also do something for other volunteers earlier if we want.

Richard said he will be inviting the new principal for Trace Elementary and some of the teachers to the October general meeting, as a kick-off to the new program where we are partnering with Valley Fair to recognize outstanding students and teachers.

We discussed curb painting again, and Lu reminded the group that Claudia Preciado's husband, who is a painting contractor, has a couple of employees who would be interested in doing the job on their own time. Ken suggested that we contact UNSCC and see if any other neighborhoods have done this and get some ideas from them.

The subject of adding San Jose streets on the other side of Winchester to the Cory Neighborhood Association was again discussed. Steve said that he believes those streets are in the Cory neighborhood according to the CERT maps. However, our bylaws do not include them.

The subject of block parties came up, and Ken said we can reimburse from \$100-150 for each block party. Richard suggested that after the October election, we have a party to get acquainted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by Lu Kivett