

**College Commons Neighborhood Association (CCNA)  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
November 30, 2010  
9427 N. Meridian Street, Classroom #1**

**Present:** Connie Jones, President; Tim Jones, Vice President; and Terri Atkinson, Secretary/Treasurer; **And:** Matt Winston, Robert & Carolyn Wente, Jamie Bales, Rick Sparks, Robbie MacDonald, Jane Williams, Heidi Newman, Patti Horrigan, Karen Risk, Mike Maxwell, Board. **Also:** 16 neighbors present.

**Absent:** Jeff Risser, Gary Williams, Juanita Johnson, Ali Maxwell, Karen Kennedy

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Jones at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. Jones thanked everyone for coming and introduced the street monitors, block captains (none present) and special interest contacts on the board and explained each position. She also thanked Ms. Horrigan, retiring from the Zone/Land Use position effective 9/30/10, for her many years of hard work and dedication in working with the Nora Community Council and numerous city officials to keep our neighborhood safe and our property values up. Ms. Horrigan mentioned there were still a few open issues that she would continue to monitor through the end of the year.

As the minutes from the 2009 annual meeting are posted on the CCNA web site, they were deemed read and approved.

Ms. Atkinson gave the Treasurer's report and it was accepted as read.

- The detailed Treasurer's report containing 2010 income and expenses is available to any dues-paying CCNA resident upon request from any member of the Executive Board.
- So far, less than 42% of the 320 households in the College Commons Neighborhood have paid their 2010 dues.
- Snow removal costs were discussed re-iterating the importance of dues payments. So far snow removal cost for 2010 has not been excessive; however, in 2007 we paid out over \$2000.00 for snow removal. If we have multiple and/or big snows, the removal costs will start draining the CCNA bank account quickly.

Ms. Horrigan provided a Zoning/Land Use and Code Enforcement update. Highlights of the report are as follows:

- One serious crime occurred in our neighborhood during 2010. It has taken many months of work with city officials to have a good resolution to the impact on our neighborhood that this crime created.
- There were also a few code enforcement issues this year, all of which were resolved to satisfaction. One neighbor in attendance described how the neighborhood helped his family receive a variance from the city regarding his issue – our neighbors pulled together, signed petitions, letters, etc. and some also attended the meeting downtown with the city!
- The goal is to hit these problems when they are first reported and get them resolved; otherwise the problems will spread throughout the entire neighborhood.
- City will not plow our neighborhood streets until the snow reaches 6 inches, and then they may not clear them in time for people to go to work. So, we must contract snow removal on our own. One of our residents has been contracted and will plow when the snow reaches 3 inches.
- The two C's in College Commons Neighborhood Association also stand for 'caring and communicating' – one of our purposes is to foster a culture of caring through communication among neighbors

Mr. Maxwell provided a Crime Watch update. Highlights of the report are as follows:

- It was stressed by both Mr. Maxwell (and Ms. Horrigan in her report) how important it is for neighbors to be alert and involved in crime watch. If you see something suspicious, **ABSOLUTELY DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL 911.**
- It would be **VERY** helpful to the police if everyone would put their address on both sides of their mailbox.
- Mr. Sparks said one of the things he really appreciates about our neighborhood is that neighbors look out for each other.

Ms. Risk provided a Health and Hospital update. Highlights of the report are as follows:

- Health and hospital and code enforcement issues are reported to the city, and Ms. Risk and Ms. Horrigan have attended every meeting held to bring forth and discuss these issues as they involve our neighborhood.
- Hundreds of issues are reported on and followed up on throughout the year until resolution is complete

Ms. Jones announced that no other nominations for officers or board members were received to add to the slate, so the slate as presented in the November 2010 newsletter is approved.

Ms. Jones proposed again this year that neighbors turn on any holiday lights simultaneously on Sunday, December 19 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. to create a beautiful winter scene and foster a sense of community.

Other questions or discussion items:

- Widening 96<sup>th</sup> Street - it doesn't appear there is any immediate issue with this. It is apparently an INDOT issue that has been going on for 20 years and still nothing has been done.
- Sanitary sewers are going to be installed from 86<sup>th</sup> to 91<sup>st</sup>.
- Health and hospital issue regarding overgrown brush on College at the Lakepointe Apartment entrance was identified to Ms. Risk.
- Neighbors can go to <http://imaps.indygov.org/publicsafetymaps/> to view crime incident reports for a community.
- Please send any items you would like to add to the newsletter to Heidi Newman or Connie Jones.
- CCNA web site will be enhanced to be more user-friendly and interactive.
- Neighbors in attendance who are new to the neighborhood were introduced.
- Ms. Horrigan, Ms. Jones and Ms. Bales were all thanked for bringing refreshments and decorations.

Ms. Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.