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Minutes of November 21, 2006 Meeting

President Karenthia A. Barber called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM

Public Safety in Our Community:

Crime Update:

Officer Blumberg from the Northeast District Community Relations updated the community on the crime activities from the past few months. Several police officers have been assigned to the school areas during the schools days. Burglaries have gone down from the previous months. Officer Bloomberg suggests that we should be more vigilant and let people know that you see them when walking down the street. We should pay attention to surroundings while walking to the bus stop and walking to our cars. The police can also provide security checks for your house and advise you in how to make your house more secure. With the holidays approaching be very careful in how you discard boxes from large electronic gifts. It is recommended that you breakdown the boxes and place them in black trash bags. Burglars are looking for clues to stake out their next properties. Talk to you neighbors about unusual and suspicious activities and make sure you call the police. To contact community relations or officer Blumberg email david.blumberg@baltimorepolice.org.

Public Safety Committee

Chris Ryon our public safety committee chair reported that the committee is working with block leaders to organize block safety projects. One of the projects they're working on is engraving personal properties. The police department has made available which are available to the community. Another project in cooperation with Greater Homewood to provide energy efficient light bulbs. The more lights there are in a neighborhood the more we can deter crime. If you're interested in organizing a project for your block please call contact Chris at 410-302-0641 or erryon@hotmail.com.

Please note: EGLS has an agreement with Brinks Home Security that for anyone who has a security alarm installs, Brinks will make a monetary contribution to EGLS. Please contact Art Vogt at 410-218-3008.

COP

Jeanne Adams reminded us of the need for more volunteers to go out with the Citizens On Patrol. For further information contact Jeanne at 410-467-0976.

Education

Waverly School

Joan Stanne asked for continued support for Waverly school to improve the facilities. During the past few years' promises were made by the School Board but have not been fulfilled. The

committee is asking for members of the community to write to the state delegates to insure that Waverly is on the next state budget appropriation. There was a petition for the community members to sign for support of the project. For more information call Joan Stanne at 410-889-0329.

Redistricting Schools

Their BPS Facilities Improvement Plan calls for several middle schools to close including Hamilton Middle School. The current plan calls for students at Montebello to move to a new middle school to be housed in the basement of The Lake Clifton High School Complex. We are working with the surrounding committees and schools to oppose this plan.

Summer Arts Programs

Joan Stanne updated us on the success of the arts program from the summer. Photos were shared from this years Institute. We are looking forward to next year.

GEDCO Senior Survey

Representatives from GEDCO, Ms. Kathy Cooper-Nicholas Senior Services Coordinator and Rachel Eads, Consultant, announced the rollout of survey on the needs of the senior in this community and the surrounding communities. These surveys will be distributed to not only Stadium Place residents but to members of local churches and community centers. GEDCO recognizes that it cannot provide enough housing for the needs this community and the survey is to gage what the needs are, what resources do the seniors need, what can they do to help these seniors to age in place. The survey is for anyone 55 and above. EGLS has agreed to assist GEDCO in getting the survey forms out to our senior neighbors. They are anonymous with basic routine questions. Stadium Place is also a designated site for CARE (The Commission on Aging and Retirement Education) which is available to all seniors in the surrounding area. CARE provides homemakers type of services such as cleaning, laundry, transportation, etc. For more information about the surveys please call 410-467-2572.

EGLS Elections of Officers was held. The following Board Members were elected for 2007.

President- Karenthia A. Barber
1st. Vice President- Tim Wilson
2nd. Vice-President - Samuel Snowden
Secretary- Sherley Petit-Homme
Treasurer- Thelma Wharton
Sergeant-at-Arms- Elva Frieson
Ednor Garden Representative- Christopher Ryon
Lakeside Representative-Marie Steedley
Membership Chair Person- Rosa L. Barber

Announcements

Recognition Certificates

President Karenthia A. Barber presented certificates of appreciation to the board members and other community leaders for their commitment, for being proactive, and helping make this community a better place to live.

Dedication of Thanksgiving Place

Thanksgiving Place is a landscaped sacred space with a labyrinth and gardens located at in the entry of Stadium Place. Many community leaders attended the ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate ThanksGiving place. It was designed for the community to come to pray, meditate, and reflect.