

Edgewater Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting June 19, 2013, Rockford Country Club
taken by Secretary Bill Simpson

Board Members Present-- Bill Simpson, Secretary; Dick Berman, Treasurer; Barb Berman; Jeff Orput; Drew Williams. There was a quorum.

Members and Visitors present: Officer Jeff Andrews. Guests: Michael Goddard, Cyndie Hall, Jake Hamil, Juanita Hickerson, Matt Lerner, Tim and Mary Packer, Lucretia Ristin, Michael and Jennifer Smith.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Jeff Orput, who presided in the absence of John Beck, President, and Tim Moore, Vice-President. Although not physically present, Tim Moore participated in the meeting by way of cell phone.
2. Secretary's Report---Minutes of May 15 meeting approved. Dick Berman so moved; Drew Williams seconded.
3. Treasurer's Report---Membership dues had been received from 210 families. Dick Berman said that about 100 members on the 2012 roster have not paid dues for 2013. The snow plow fund is "well funded."
4. Membership Committee---Drew Williams and Jeff Orput agreed to split the burden of calling or e-mailing those 2012 members who have yet to pay dues for the current year (and have until November 30 to do so). The Board accepted this arrangement.
5. Community Services Report---The totals of crimes committed in Edgewater and recorded in May were down from the previous month: Group A, 10 (13 in April); Group B, 3 (8 in April). Officer Jeff Andrews mentioned one aggravated battery of a child and one "dine and dash" incident (at the Olympic Tavern). Cyndie Hall spoke of a group of volunteers to help in emergencies---welcome as long as they do not interfere with official first responders.
6. Matt Lerner, principal of Walker School, laid out a scheme of co-operation between the school and the Association. He advocated pre-school for Edgewater children. Registration at Walker and all other elementary schools in District 205 was scheduled for August 8. Matt intends to bring some of the six Walker teachers who live in Edgewater to subsequent meetings. Jeff Orput said that Walker School updates could be put on the Association's Web site.
7. Fourth of July Committee Report---Tim Moore's plea for "setup and breakdown" help was repeated. Barb Berman said that the Auburn High School Key Club would be available. Calling over his cell phone, Tim asked Drew Williams about his, Drew's, cotton-candy machine. Four or five coolers for beverages other than water

would be needed; also, some 8-foot banquet tables. Michael Goddard volunteered to provide a trailer to move the tables. Jake Hamil offered to bring water coolers from Beloit, but Tim supposed that they would not be necessary. Barb Berman asked how many bicycle-race prizes would be awarded---the answer, four for older kids and four for younger---and how much the Board was prepared to spend on them. As to other prizes, the bad news was that Pepsi-Cola would no longer provide any. The Rockford YMCA was expected to donate day passes or T-shirts as prizes; the Rockford Park District and the Olympic Tavern also would give prizes.

8. Alderman's Report---None; Alderman (and President) John Beck not present. Drew Williams called attention to the Home Rule revival movement. The Board looks forward to John's insight into this matter.

9. Webmaster's Report---Drew Williams reported that the number of Facebook fans has increased from 119 to 145. The PayPal problem remains unresolved.

10. Garage Sale Committee---There were 28 signups. Michael Goddard's observation was that "about twice as many people" turned out. Drew Williams had the event touted on the Association's Facebook page. The road signs were easily seen. It was agreed that starting at 8 a.m. rather than 9 was an improvement.

11. Membership Card Program---No progress.

12. Newsletter---Lucretia Ristin raised the question of entirely doing away with regular mailing. Jake Hamil suggested four issues per year by e-mail and only two of them, at most, by regular mail---maybe only one, in advance of Luminaria. Juanita Hickerson expressed belief that there would be plenty of content to fill four issues, the August-September issue being by e-mail only.

13. Watering and Plant Committee Report---Nancy Lundstrom does the planting on the Auburn Street Bridge; JJ Paris does the watering.

14. By-law Committee/Edgewater Tax-exempt Status Report---No update from Attorney Ann Dempsey.

15. Other Business---Lucretia Ristin inquired if the Swedish Historical Society could advertise its summer camp on the Association's Facebook page; the Board readily granted permission.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. No meeting to be held in July. Next meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 5:30 p.m., Rockford Country Club.