



## Westside Neighborhood Association August 15, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda

Time	Topic	Lead
6:00 pm	Call to Order	Schury
6:01 pm	Approval of Agenda	Schury
6:01 pm	Introduction of Guests	Schury
6:01 pm	Approval of July 18, 2013 Minutes	Casavant
6:05 pm	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action Items from last meeting(s)</li> </ul>	Casavant
6:10 pm	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Planning/Calendar</li> <li>City Pulse Request</li> </ul>	Casavant Schury
6:10 pm	President's Report	Schury
6:20 pm	Treasurer's Report	Boehme
6:25 pm	Voter Education/Civic Engagement Committee	Cunningham
6:30 pm	Westside History	Schury
6:30 pm	Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newsletter</li> </ul>	Kris Boutell
6:40 pm	Summer Event	McCormick
6:45 pm	Community Engagement	Unfilled Position
6:45 pm	Grants Committee	Nelson
6:55 pm	MLK Garden	Nelson
6:55 pm	Crime & Safety	Payne
6:55 pm	Scholarships	Pratt
6:55 pm	RACER Trust Verlinden Site	Pratt
6:55 pm	Neighborhood Improvement	Schury
6:55 pm	Riddle Elementary School	Long
7:05 pm	Sexton High School	McCormick
7:10 pm	Business Promotion	Wong
7:10 pm	Places of Worship	Long
7:10 pm	Fun, Fun, Fun! Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible Winter Event</li> </ul>	Casavant
7:15 pm	Annual Meeting – Agenda Place Holder	
	Fiesta – Agenda Place Holder	
	Yard Sale – Agenda Place Holder	
	Annual Meeting	
7:20 pm	Good & Welfare	Schury
7:15 pm	Adjournment	Schury

**Excused Board Members:** Payne, Cunningham, Nelson

**Known Guests:**

**Old Business:**

**Action Items from Past Meeting(s):**

**Schury** will send a list of the booklets he has and what he is still seeking in order to have a complete set for scanning.

**Schury** will contact Miller and ask for a report on progress and timeline for Westside History Project to be presented at the next meeting.

**Cunningham** will post the following on Facebook: In order to protect the Westside Neighborhood Associations 501(c)(3) status, we must prohibit any posts that intend to influence support for or against any candidate for elected office.

**Payne and McCormick** will get copies of the receipts for their respective events to Nelson as quickly as possible so that reports for the grants can be completed.

**Long** will contact the Superintendent directly and follow-up by email, copying the board, Jessica Yorko and any others involved, to finalize the location of the playground equipment at Riddle.

**New Business:** None reported

**President's Report:** No Report

**Treasurer's Report:** Attached as a separate file.

**Fiesta & Silent Auction:** No Report

**Yard Sale:** No Report

**Voter Education/Civic Engagement:** No Report

**Westside History:** No Report

**Communications:** No Report

- **Newsletter:** Boutell offers the reminder that all articles/ads are due to me for the Fall Newsletter by August 31st.

**Summer Event:**

**Community Engagement:** No Report

**Grants:** Nelson reports that she submitted the report and receipts for the summer social to the LNC. We went over by about \$12.

**MLK Garden:** No Report

**Crime & Safety:** There is a continuing problem on Kirby Street and MLK. The house at 601 Kirby was the source of loud noise, street partying and on one occasion, July 19, several residents called the police after one of them saw a gun being brandished about. The LPD arrived in force, caught the

person who was said to have had a gun but did not find the gun. The residents were evicted and the house is now vacant.

A similar problem has developed with the house at 523 MLK, which is at the south corner of Kirby and MLK. LPD has been called several times when young men gather at the house and then move into Kirby Street. Calls to the police on a recent occasion (August 1) were flagged as a noise complaint and when the situation escalated, additional calls were added to the noise complaint and thus the issue was listed as a low priority.

After additional problems, the police investigated. An elderly man, Jimmie Hurd, lives there with two teenage girls, 16 and 19. The man is not capable of taking care of himself and the police have notified Adult Protective Services.

The 911 Emergency system is controlled by Ingham County, Lance Langdon is the supervisor. He is coming to the Aug. 27 C&S meeting as are Carol Wood, Captain James Kraus (uniformed division) and many of the residents of Kirby Street. Our County Commissioner, Rebecca Bahar-Cook, can't make it as she had a county commissioner meeting that night.

The first-ever Lenawee-Kalamazoo-Hillsdale National Night Out was a huge success on August 13. Chance and Stephany Boyd were the principal organizers along with Bill and me and Mitzi Allen. We estimate that about 60 people showed up, far more than we expected and we were delighted to see Officer Mironiuk, Officer McGruff, Fire Marshall Hecksell, Mayor Bernero, Chief Yankowski and Andy Schor there as well. Chance got them all in pictures.

We had our debriefing meeting last night at Harry's and have notes on how we can do this better next year. We went way over budget. I didn't realize that we were that far off target. Some of it was pretty much a waste of money, like the coloring books and the bookmarks. We won't be doing that again. We bought too many ice cream sandwiches and donated the left overs to the Letts Center. The amount of the hot dogs and brats was spot on. We need more paper plates. We used the condiments left over from the WNA picnic.

Suggestions for next year include having a bean-bag toss, ring toss, more water balloons, face painting, music by local musicians, and Zumba Dancers from Union Missionary Baptist Church, more lawn chairs, a larger food tent and a larger food table. We discussed doing two leaflet drops, one a month before the event and one a week before the event. We need to recruit more volunteers. Any suggestions to improve the event are most welcome.

**Scholarships:** No Report

**Racer Trust/GM:** No Report

**Neighborhood Improvement:** No Report

**Riddle Elementary School:** Via email from Long: Friday, July 19 I twice attempted to contact Superintendent Caamal-Canul's office via the main number for the Administration Building. (No one seems to have her office's direct number or be willing to share it.) I left a message on the voicemail of Sandra Fagen (sp). Her outgoing message states that she will contact the caller within 24 hours or will pass the call on to whomever is the proper person for handling the request. I called back a few more times over the week of July 22 but was only able to reach voicemail. I had not received a call from Ms. Fagen.

Prior to the July Board meeting another PTA member, Rebecca McElroy, had been trying to reach Brian Ralph, the COO for LSD. I believe this is the person to whom Mr. Spadafore and Ms. Earley (Riddle's Principal) had also contacted re: this issue. After numerous calls (and while I was attempting to contact Superintendent Caamal-Canul at the Board's direction), Rebecca received a return call from Mr. Ralph's office on July 24 from Mr. Ralph's secretary, Katie White.

Ms. White gave Rebecca the name and number of the man in charge of supervising building on school grounds, Cedric Patmon and stated that Mr. Patmon would be expecting a call from the contractor who would be completing the project re: the plans for the structure and what materials would be used.

I had contacted Andy Strang of Andy-Man Services prior to receiving Mr. Patmon's information and let Andy know where we stood on the project and inquired as to what availability he had coming up. Once receiving the call from Ms. White, I passed Mr. Patmon's information on to Andy asking that he please keep me "in the loop" with regards to his communication with Mr. Patmon.

Andy called and left a message for Mr. Patmon the following morning at or about 11:30 am explaining who he was and why he was calling. He received a return call the next day (26th) explaining that Mr. Patmon would need to contact Ms. Earley (even though she previously approved the project) to get her approval and then would have to look over the plans and have them approved (again). Barring any unforeseen snags, Andy should receive the go-ahead from the LSD in the first week of August.

We are planning on breaking ground on August 12 as Andy is doing a shower re-tile job the week prior. He anticipates the swing set taking one day to build, but will need a portion of the money to buy the materials the day before. By my recollection, this will allow a month for preparation of the grant report.

Andy has also cc'd me on his email communications with Mr. Patmon to keep me up to speed with them; he forwarded a copy of the plans on July 26.

I will supplement this email with any/all developments as they occur.

**Sexton High School:** McCormick sent an email to the folks at Sexton to see if they have any welcome back activities planned, and if they need WNA assistance, trying to get more advanced notice than they gave us last year, so far she hasn't heard anything back.

**Fun Fun Fun:**

**Business Promotion:** No Report

**Places of Worship:** No Report