

January 13, 2009: ECA Meeting

Present: Kathy, Patrick, Ed, Carrie, Jennifer, Kris, Larry Palm, Rita Mitchell, Suzanne and Philip Forsberg, and Patrick Kovich

Additions to the meeting agenda:

9. Leaf Raking
10. Membership
11. Valentine Party 2/14/09
12. Dog Park representative
13. Request to purchase a computer for ECA
14. PTS gave notice he wants to give up doing the newsletter

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Proposed development at 3502 Sargent Street by Patrick Kovich – present house on property was built in 1932; slab home; foundation is cracked, needs a fixup – or demolition. Ron is the renter who has lived there for over 5 years, but will be moving soon as he can't afford the rent anymore. Kovich wants to split the lot, having both homes eventually face Walter Street, with garages behind the homes and driveways opening onto Sargent Street – single family homes. Question and answer period followed with a discussion. Neighbors present were not opposed to him dividing the property and building single-family residences. There was some concern about driveways possibly exiting on Walter Street.

3. Committee Reports

a. Spring park cleanup (Jennifer) a date was chosen, April 25, 2009, 9 to 11 AM, Begin at Olbrich Park across from Jennifer's house, weather permitting, or else begin at Carrie's. Pizza afterwards was suggested, where?

b. Eastmorland Park Playground – phase 2 (Carrie) ?

Membership committee

Selling directories

Santa visits to our special neighbors was very successful

11. Valentine's Day Potluck – Carrie would like invitations included with the delivery of the next newsletter. PTS suggested that he could include the valentine as a color printing on the front page of the newsletter which all present approved of.

c. Royster-Clark Neighborhood Planning Team update – (Kris and Larry) The demolition permit is stalled at this point. The compromise by Agrium to putting clay caps over the two wells instead of cracking the concrete and allowing water to infiltrate our groundwater. The clay caps will only last about 2 years, before having to be renewed. Larry is hoping that there will be some real proposals for the property by then.

Kris mentioned that the Planning Commission wanted committee members to save 2/12 and the 19th with the idea of having another public meeting about the property, possibly at Olbrich Gardens.

4. Communications to/from elected officials: Larry continued by bringing up well #8

Replacement or fixit?

This is a seasonal well, and only in operation during the summer

Well is in Olbrich Park