

Ward 3 Civic Association
02/08/2006
McKeown School, Balch Street, Beverly MA
7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Type of meeting: Regular Monthly Meeting
Meeting called by: Beatrice Mendez (President)
Minutes recorded by: Robert Adams
Attendees: As noted on sign-in sheets

OPEN MEETING, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Beatrice Mendez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- Minutes from the January 18, 2006 meeting were not read

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Speaking on behalf of the Treasurer, James Bursey reported that \$65 in voluntary membership fees have been collected, and will be deposited into the account, bringing the funds in the treasury to a total of \$143
- Annual (voluntary) W3CA membership renewal fees will come due beginning in March 2006, the one year anniversary of the Association

COMMUNICATIONS

- The W3CA has received a request from the McKeown School PTO to assist them in soliciting donations from local businesses to raise a portion of the funds needed to replace inadequate playground equipment on the school grounds.

REPORTS OF ALL COMMITTEES

Traffic Island Beautification

Discussion was held regarding plans to beautify the Beckford Street traffic island.

- Rob Roy will evaluate condition of the "Welcome to Gloucester Crossing" sign and determine extent of necessary repairs. He and a friend may be able to refurbish it.
- Our "Ward Three Civic Association" sponsorship sign is ready to be produced by the sign company at the time of our choosing
- The tentative date for the Island Beautification project is Saturday April 22, 2006

Trustees

There is no written report of the audit, but James will write it and submit

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Drainage Forum

Discussion was held regarding the next steps needed to organize a public forum to address the unresolved drainage issue within Ward three

- Where: Suggestions about where to hold the forum included a conference room at the Cummings Center, which is equipped for public events.
- When: We are not prepared to commit to a date, but the general time frame would be late spring or early summer 2006
- Who: We would like to get a representative from the city, as well as someone with a historical perspective who is familiar with the affected area's drainage problems throughout the past. In addition, we would like residents who are affected by the poor drainage in their neighborhoods to be involved, if they are willing to speak
- What: Materials will be needed to present to the public. Maps, reports, surveys, etc.
- How: We plan to distribute an informational flyer to all residents in the affected areas of Wards Three and Five, and request their presence at the March 8, 2006 meeting in order to

NEW BUSINESS

McKeown School Playground Equipment Funding

Discussion was held regarding the communication received from the McKeown School PTO and possible joint fund raising opportunities

- Beatrice is working out a W3CA promotional arrangement with "Buying Thyme" food prep business at Cummings Center -- there may be a way to involve the PTO.
- Beatrice will contact the McKeown PTO president and further discuss fund raising opportunities
- Thelma will inquire with Community Development

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

ENROLLMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

- Thelma was recorded as a new member

Meeting adjourned at: 8:05 pm