*AGENDA WITH ACTION ITEMS AND MINUTES*

Meeting of 23 June 2015

(The meeting was at 7:00 PM in Bev Rench’s charming garden. Despite the setting, and the prospect of treats, we did not quite achieve a quorum.)

**Housekeeping – 7:00**

“Minutes” of previous meeting – Ellen

*No objections.*

Treasurer’s Report – Donna (if present)

*No Treasurer.*

Police, recruiting, and trash matters – our assigned cop, if present, and Steve

*No cop, no Steve. However, guest Tony Shultz talked about his frequent interactions with the police, and the relief some neighbors felt at a greater police presence and a couple of drug busts.*

**Old Business – 7:20**

Status of graffiti removal project – Tony Shultz (if in town)

*Tony said he’s been too busy to get back to this project.*

NWPB report – Steve or Bev J.

*Bev J. said there was nothing new to report, except that the NWPB wants to charge member neighborhoods dues at every meeting, since there is no longer much in the way of City funding and the Board would still like to hold community events. This could be a problem.*

Ways to involve Salem Ave. businesses – Ellen

*No one present has contacts at any of the businesses other than Goodyear, which several of us agreed has been a good neighbor. (Asking them for money might be another matter.)*

Fall Community Meeting – All

* Day? Time? Date? Do we ask Ezra to contact the people he suggested?? Can we come up with a theme?

*Much discussion of a potential fall meeting. Lori repeated that in recent years she’d seen real turnout only when the neighborhood felt they were having issues they should discuss. She felt Ezra’s suggestion of inviting three interesting entrepreneurs from the neighborhood was great, but still probably wouldn’t get people out. A possibility would be asking the City to come listen to residents.*

*Ted pointed out that a lot of people don’t know whom to call for various problems, and we can’t assume that they are reading the newsletter and even know about DIY. He suggested that we put together a list of the numbers people can call for various problems, to be handed out at the Community Meeting for a start. A couple of people said that using the Dayton Delivers app had gotten them speedy results.*

*The discussion went off into DIY-type horror stories, the prizewinner being a neighbor of Ami’s who had turned half his yard into a concrete pad. (The City had been alerted when the truck arrived, but didn’t show up, at least at a time that could have stopped the pour.) The City’s efforts to get neighbors to mow empty properties were mentioned; the banks are now being harassed to keep up, but there are a number of other properties with out-of-state owners with high weeds. The City can afford to mow only twice a summer, it says, so the onus ends up being on the neighbors who can’t stand the weeds. (Or the rats, one of which Ami found recently.)*

*The upshot was that the group thought we should go ahead and schedule a Community Meeting for Sunday, October 25th. We might want to make it earlier than 7 PM, but not a lot. Enthusiasm for making it late on a Saturday morning, recommended earlier, was low at this meeting. Several possible themes were suggested, among them How can we improve others’ perception of the neighborhood? and How do we turn around the neighborhood? However, the conclusion was that focusing on issues would bring the most people out. We could point out the value of the DVTF as a conduit to the City at the same time.*

*So the tentative theme is “What’s the Issue?”, or “Bring Your Issue!” There will be some e-discussion, and at least Ezra and Ellen plan to meet in July, so we’ll come up with more definite plans at the August meeting. It was suggested that we do a survey in August to find out the issues that most concern people, and perhaps ask City employees (or police) to come in October to take questions and offer answers.*

*The group also talked about meeting one’s neighbors face-to-face. Ezra and Tony both emphasized what a difference it made to engage people directly. The question then became how we could best achieve this, especially given the size of the current districts. It may be that distributing surveys, and knocking on doors in the process, would work. Again, this will be discussed in July and August.*

**New Business – 7:40**

Summer/fall calendar – all

*As noted above, a Fall Community Meeting is scheduled. Also, the group agreed that there needed to be a trustee meeting between the August and November ones, and given the timing of the Community Meeting, October 6th was agreed on. (Ellen is out of town, or at another meeting, during September.) See the attached calendar for meeting and newsletter-taping dates. Bev R. offered to host most trustee meetings if that would increase attendance! She offered to host October’s meeting in any case.*

Hillview’s mowing program – Ted and Mike

*Mike wasn’t there, and hadn’t briefed Ted, but the topic was kind of covered as part of the DIY stuff.*

Outreach by district reps – Tony and Bev J.

*Not addressed – we ran out of time.*

Increased community policing – Steve and Tony

*A good deal of the meeting was devoted to this. There is general agreement that the cops WANT to be more community-oriented, and get to know their beats and the people on them. (Bike patrols are a possibility.) Tony was convinced that Sgt. Riegel wants us to call him directly any time we have crime-related concerns. Ellen was equally convinced that we should stick with standard reporting channels unless those aren’t working, and save Sgt. Riegel for special needs. There was some question as to the best phone numbers to use; Tony recommends calling Dispatch directly. Ellen will check what numbers the cops are asking us to use.*

Team approach (like Walnut Hills), other new ways of doing business – All

* Marketing Committee?

*Not addressed – no time.*

Possible designation of historic districts – All

*Ditto.*

Possibility of a Home/Garden Tour in 2016 (without Charlene) – Ellen & all (again)

*Ditto.*

**Adjournment – 8:30 goal**

*Not met, but between the wine and the treats, the people who didn’t have to be elsewhere didn’t mind!*

# Dayton View Triangle Federation

# PLANNED 2015 DVT MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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| **DAY** | **DATE** | **MEETING/EVENT** | **LOCATION** | **TIME** |
| **Tuesday** | **January 27** | **Trustees’ Meeting** | Omega/Emerson  | 7:00 PM |
| **Tuesday** | **March 10** | **Trustees’ Meeting**  | Omega/Emerson | 7:00 PM |
| **Tuesday** | **May 26** | **Trustees’ Meeting**  | Omega/Emerson  | 7:00 PM |
| *Friday* | *May 29* | *Newsletter article deadline (to press June 1)* | *--* | *--* |
| *Saturday* | *June 6* | *Newsletter sealing/labeling*  | *EFR’s* | *2 PM* |
| ***Saturday*** | ***May 30*** | ***Neighborhood Garage Sale*** | (various) | 9:00 AM |
| **Tuesday** | **June 23** | **Trustees’ Meeting** | Bev’s garden | 7:00 PM |
| **Tuesday** | **August 25** | **Trustees’ Meeting**  | Mike M.’s garden | 7:00 PM |
| *Fri* | *Sept 25\** | *Newsletter article deadline (to press Mon Oct 5)* | -- |  |
| ***Sunday*** | ***October 4*** | ***Planned 2015 Festival of Neighborhoods*** | Harvard @ Grace | 2 PM? |
| ***TBD*** | ***October 9-11*** | ***Membership, charity drive, & newsletter******stuffing/sealing/labeling*** | *TBD – EFR’s?* | *TBD* |
| **Tuesday** | **October 6**  | **Trustees’ Meeting**  | **Bev R.’s? Omega?**  | **7:00 PM** |
| **Sunday** | **Oct 25**  | **Fall Community Meeting and Trustee Election**  | Omega/Emerson  | 7:00 PM? |
| **Tuesday** | **November 17** | **Trustees’ Meeting AND Election of Officers *(could move to Dec. 1)*** | Omega/Emerson | 7:00 PM |

This version has 7 trustee meetings (Jan, Mar, May, June, Aug, Oct, Nov) and only 1 community meeting (Oct). Meetings are on fourth Tuesdays when possible.

\*Ellen will be out of town approximately August 31 through September 24. This affects the timing of the newsletter and the Community Meeting.