



Ferry Village Neighborhood Conservation Association

June 14, 2007

17 Ferry Village members and friends were present for this meeting.

Introductions were made.

1. Minutes

Approved as written

2. Treasurer's Report:

Approved as presented. Currently \$1,049.31 in savings account (with \$550 designated for Old Joe's Pond), \$1,110.67 in checking account, \$1,100 in Friends of Ferry Village Memorial Fund. New membership revenue has totaled \$240.00, to date.

3. Creating Community: Open Discussion

- Discussion ensued regarding how to connect with neighbors and how to continue to improve our neighborhood.

Continuing Challenges:

- The basketball court that is on the corner of Sawyer and High Street and the seemingly lack of involvement from the City both for monitoring and upkeep of the property. A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was written in March that turns this space into an attractive "old fashioned" park or community square. The grant was submitted and approved for \$15,000 with the understanding that the space will continue to have a basketball hoop or for an alternative spot to be found for the basketball hoop within Ferry Village. An idea was presented that perhaps the area could include a "recreational area" without being a basketball court. It was also proposed that the CDBG grant be accepted with the understanding that FVNCA would engage in a discussion in a City Council workshop regarding how the area would be developed. A motion was approved that we would accept with the abovementioned criterion. David will create a page on FVNCA website with a one page description of the grant proposal.
- Concerns regarding the enforcement of the laws for Evelyn's Tavern. The owner of Evelyn's encourages communication if there is a problem.
- Concern expressed regarding the sentiment of neighborhoods not being heard by the powers that be within the City.
- Another suggestion was that a garden tour might be a great way to build community and meet neighbors.
- National Night Out (neighborhood crime prevention) is a national program where law enforcement comes out into the neighborhoods to interact with children, youth and

community in a positive manner. The date this year is August 7th. Tom Blake from Engine One Fire Station will be having an Open House that day from 2-6:00 p.m. and culminate with a barbeque and David will be working on other activities to complement that event. Please let David know if you would be interested in helping to organize this. (post meeting note: due to lack of response from the City this event will not occur. Tom will notify us of the date for the Fire Station BBQ).

- TRIAD (a program that assists senior residents) has not had a strong presence in Ferry Village. Residents are encouraged to contact the SPPD to volunteer.
- Discussion also ensued regarding distribution of newsletters and meeting announcements. There were some volunteers who offered to regularly distribute the newsletters.
- Peter Stuckey from PROP shared a visual of the vision of the PROP building in an effort to inform the Association.

4. School Street Playground CDBG Grant

- A grant as submitted and approved to improve the School Street Playground. The award was \$15,000. Jen K and David are working on the implementation of the grant. A motioned was approved to gratefully accept the grant.

5. Friends of Ferry Village Memorial Fund

- Approval of criterion as amended. Amendment to include: delete line under criteria that says "There will be not more than XXX distributed in total each year". T-shirt sales "will" be allotted rather than "shall" and "The fund will not go below \$100 per year".

6. Wrap-up/Next Meeting Discussion

- Nominations for FVNCA Officers will be solicited at our September 14th meeting with elections to be held in October
- **Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 13th 7:00-9:00 p.m.** Featured presentation by Earle Shettleworth from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission who will show slides of significant homes, buildings and Ferry Village landmarks in the our neighborhood.