

Scottfield Civic Association Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 7:30 p.m., Gauger School

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Next Meeting

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April 9, 2008

Attendees: 13 Scottfield residents were in attendance, CPAW advocate, Bill Wheatley, and Councilman Dave Tackett. If you would like additional information about any of the topics discussed at this meeting, please contact our board for a prompt response.

1. **Treasurer's report:** Account balance \$7,374.04
 - a. 46.53% (268) residents are members; 308 members needed
2. **Old Business: Updates**
 - a. Buses to Gauger-Cobbs are still cutting through the neighborhood
 - i. A detailed list of 14 buses compiled by a resident was presented to Councilman Tackett and will be investigated
 - b. Easter Egg Hunt
 - i. Noon, Saturday, March 15th, rain date - Sunday the 16th
 - ii. Everything's on track for the event and everyone is hopeful for a good turn out
 - iii. The Easter Bunny will promote the event Friday evening at the shopping center entrance if the weather cooperates
 - iv. Volunteers still welcome; call 738-6185 to get involved
 - c. SCA elections
 - i. Low response to nomination forms
 - ii. Nomination form in March SCAN
 - iii. Election form in April SCAN and on website
 1. voting will only list positions with more than one eligible candidate
 - iv. Results announced in May
 - d. Spring Yard Sale
 - i. April 4th and 5th to coincide with Gauger M.O.P. sale
3. **New Business**
 - a. County report (Dave Tackett)
 - i. NCC has developed a prescription drug discount plan to assist residents without prescription insurance coverage
 1. Savings of up to 20%
 2. Available to all NCC residents regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage
 3. Accepted at more than 57,000 locations
 4. To get the card: 1-877-321-2652 or <https://naco.advancerx.com>
 - ii. Kent County assumes responsibility for dog control
 1. 888-352-7722 or 302-698-3006, www.kentcountyspca.com
 - a. Pick up stray dogs
 - b. Answering dog complaints
 - c. Obtain information on shelters to receive stray dogs
 2. 24 hour hotline 302-744-4545
 - a. Report dog bite or possible rabies exposure
 3. Threatening situations should be addressed to 911
 4. Reminder: Dog license renewals due March 1st of each year
 5. Can be purchased at some pet stores and veterinary offices
 - iii. NE W False Alarm reduction plan
 1. 97% of the 13,000 alarms NCC responds to are deemed false
 2. NCC Office of the Alarm Administrator 866-839-2731
 3. As of January 14, 2008 residents are required to register their monitored alarm system
 - a. In cases where police respond to three or more false alarms per year, the registered user will face a series of graduated fines

- b. \$100-\$250 per violation
 - c. Five false alarms or more may result in suspension of response service
 - d. Failure to register will be a \$50 fine
 - iv. Code violation report form: www.co.new-castle.de.us/LandUse/home/webpage35.asp
 - v. Important county phone numbers
 - 1. Police Emergencies: 911
 - 2. Sewer Emergencies: 395-5700
 - 3. Barking Dog/Noise: 573-2800
 - 4. Police Non-emergencies: 573-2800
 - 5. Pot holes in the Street: 323-1111
 - 6. Park Maintenance: 395-5555
- b. Hann park improvements
 - i. Brainstorming and consensus gathered to address general upkeep and proposed upgrades for park
 - 1. General upkeep
 - a. Remove weeds, patch asphalt and repave basketball and tennis courts(*or see below)
 - b. Repaint BB backboards and install/replace torn nets
 - c. Paint chain link fence around tennis court with rust-proofed coating
 - d. Install tennis nets
 - e. Replace 4 grills
 - f. 3 more picnic tables
 - g. Repair softball field bleacher
 - h. 5 more trash cans; 1 at playground, 2 near parking, 2 near soccer fields
 - 2. New improvements
 - a. Evaluate parking area for redesign to allow more vehicles; people park on Broadfield and Campfield for soccer field access because there isn't enough parking. Circle deters some from using park when teens are hanging out in lot.
 - b. Request additional lighting; timed lighting, dusk to dawn, push button up to 10pm like Barksdale Park, or motion sensitive
 - c. Paved trail with fitness circuit around the perimeter to encourage full use of space
 - d. Signs to remind dog owners need to keep pets on leashes and clean up after them
 - e. *Repurpose current tennis court area for a pavilion and construct new tennis courts next to the basketball court behind the soccer fields
 - f. Replace slide that was graffitied (the county did a nice job cleaning it, but the writing is still visible)
 - i. Add some new equipment suitable for 6-7 yr olds
 - g. Evaluation for dog park area was rejected due to lack of open space
 - ii. A draft of Special Services letter encompassing above will be shared at April meeting for final revision
 - c. Crime report statistics presented by Bill Wheatly
 - i. Landscaper yard waste dumping behind Gauger
 - ii. Gwen Jones will report to school principal since they have surveillance cameras that may provide the dumper's identity for the police
 - d. Contact Block Watch Captain, Gwen Jones, 369-1373 to get involved