

Next meeting
Wednesday
January 21, 2009

Scottfield Civic Association Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 17, 2008, 7:30 p.m., Gauger School

www.scottfield.org, sca@scottfield.org

Attendees: 10 Scottfield residents and Dave Tackett.

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Account balance \$9446.87. Full report available online.

2. **Old Business**

- a. Membership drive reached 39.58% participation
- b. New development sign designs sponsored by Bill Oberly
 - i. Installation sites have been surveyed and staked; expected completion within 4 months
 - ii. Signs are marginally larger than existing signs
 - iii. DeIDOT no longer installs signs on islands, but the one at RT 72 entranced will be grandfathered.
 1. That sign will be installed running parallel with the island, not across as currently positioned
- c. Street maintenance
 - i. Postfield has been repaved , Maplefield is slated next repaving
- d. Holiday activities
 - i. House decorating contest, Saturday, Dec. 20th 7-9pm
 1. Judges: Derrick Glover, Mike Johnston, and Larry Felon
 2. \$75, \$50, \$25 awards will be given that evening.
 - a. If a non-SCA-member house is chosen, the \$20 annual due will be deducted from the award.
 - ii. Operation Santa, Saturday, Dec. 20th, deliveries begin at 4pm
 1. Coordinated by Bob & Roberta Rossney
 2. UPDATE: Santa and his trusty helper brightened the evening of 20 children



3. **New Business**

- a. Street maintenance
 - i. Scottfield will be the 1st residential area in the state to have new rubber speed bumps
- b. Senior/disabled neighbor assistance
 - i. No one has contacted the SCA requesting assistance
 - ii. If someone wants to contact us on behalf of someone who may need assistance, outreach will be offered
- c. Property values
 - i. Concerns about preserving property values and ways to encourage neighbors who have let maintenance slide were discussed
 1. Consider discussing your concerns with neighbors
 - a. If the neighbor needs assistance, let the SCA know and we'll follow up
 2. The SCA has no jurisdiction to enforce change
 3. The county offers a webform on their site on the "Property Information" menu <http://www.nccde.org>
 - a. The county is obligated to check neighboring properties for violations when on site. That practice has caused a "rash" of violations over the past year in portions of the neighborhood and caused quite a bit of turmoil for some residents. Please use this service with discretion.

4. It has been brought to the attention to Dave Tackett by Scott Himelburg about Code violations on certain dwellings that are continuing and nothing being done.
- d. **Message from Councilman Tackett: NCC Listening Campaign for the 11th District**
 - i. **What:** A brief presentation regarding the services that New Castle meeting County provides, as well as an update regarding the County's current financial situation.
 - ii. **Who:** Councilman Tackett, County Executive Chris Coons, County Council President Paul Clark, and District 11 residents.
 - iii. **When:** Monday, January 26, 2009 from 6-8pm
 - iv. **Where:** Kirk Middle School auditorium
 - v. **Excerpt from the announcement from the CFO for New Castle County:**

"After meeting with budget staff this week to review November revenue activity, I have again lowered the FY 2009 revenue estimates for the current fiscal year. General Fund revenues are now projected to be \$16.3 million below the original revenue estimate for the fiscal year of \$159.4 million. This represents a 10.2% revenue loss. RTT is now down close to 50% through November. RTT is now estimated at \$18.6 million for the year or \$13.3 below original budget estimate of \$31.9. The current year general budget shortfall is now estimated to be \$32 million. The original approved budget started with a shortfall of \$17 million. We now have an 18.8% budget shortfall."
 - vi. Community input is being sought to help County officials determine which services provide the most value to residents and gather suggestions about ways to trim costs.