

Minutes
Cottontown Board of Directors
Tuesday, July 10, 2007
6:30 p.m.

Members Present	Paul Bouknight, Carol Hall, Carol Finethy, Doug Aylard, Susan Creed, Rusty Sox, Ellen Cooper
Members Absent	Amy Herin, Tom Walters, Sandra Ligon
Guests	Officer Chris Carrizales, Corporal Ron Felder
Call to Order	President Paul Bouknight called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
Minutes	Mr. Aylard moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2007 meeting. Ms. Hall seconded and the minutes were approved.
Crime Update	Officer Carrizales provided an update on recent auto break-ins and other crime reported in the neighborhood. He has been regularly patrolling the neighborhood and doing nighttime surveillance in an unmarked vehicle.
Crimewatch	Corp. Felder made a presentation on the neighborhood Crime Watch program. Cottontown has participated in this program in the past, but the program will need to be revitalized. To qualify, the neighborhood needs to achieve an 80% participation rate by homeowners. It is possible to break the neighborhood up into zones or blocks to achieve more localized participation. He encouraged the neighborhood to participate in National Night Out, coming up on Tuesday, August 7 th .
Crime Committee	Carol Finethy volunteered to chair the Crime Committee. She will contact some neighbors who had expressed interest in serving on that committee.
National Night Out	Carol Finethy will coordinate a watermelon social at the fire station on Tuesday, August 9.
Motion	Mr. Sox moved to approve a \$125 budget for the event. Ms. Cooper seconded, and the motion was approved.
Proposed Homeless Shelter	Christ Central Ministries is proposing to open a “city center hub” for services to the homeless at the old Hampton Pontiac site on the corner of Elmwood and Main. According to plans, the site would include drug and alcohol treatment as well as long-term residency

facilities. There was discussion about what little information was known about the plans, and what process would be necessary to get the required zoning approvals and permits.

Memorial to
“Charleston Nine”

Ms. Creed proposed a neighborhood fundraising drive for the Fireman’s Fund, both to thank and honor Cottontown’s firefighters at the neighborhood station, and as a memorial to the firefighters killed in Charleston. Board members felt it would be a worthwhile gesture. Ms. Creed will get more information about the fund and where the money would be used.

North Main St.
Revitalization

Phase I will start at Elmwood Avenue and go to Anthony Street. The city plans to begin advertising for bids in September, and present the winning bid to City Council on November 7th.

Other Business

There was discussion of requesting funds from the city to install decorative streetlights in Cottontown, similar to what was done in the University Hill neighborhood, to help improve safety.

Adjourn

There was no other business. Ms. Cooper moved to adjourn. Mr. Aylard seconded, the motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday, August 14, 2007, 6:30 p.m.