

Minutes  
Cottontown Board of Directors  
Tuesday, September 11, 2007  
6:30 p.m.

Members Present	Paul Bouknight, Ellen Cooper, Doug Aylard, Carol Hall, Amy Herin, Susan Creed, Rusty Sox, Carol Finethy
Members Absent	Tom Walters, Sandra Ligon
Guests	Geoff Williams, Crime Prevention Committee; Officer Mike Wines, Columbia P.D.
Call to Order	President Paul Bouknight called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Officer Wines	Mr. Bouknight introduced Officer Wines, who had been newly assigned to patrol Cottontown. Officer Wines spoke briefly about recent break-ins and other incidents in the neighborhood.
Minutes	Ms. Cooper moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2007 meeting. Ms. Creed seconded and the minutes were approved.
Neighborhood Watch	Ms. Finethy reported that several neighbors had signed up at National Night Out to have their homes evaluated under the neighborhood watch program. She will promote the opportunity more at the membership meeting in October.
2111 Bull Street	Mr. Bouknight reported that the zoning variance for the proposed boarding house at 2111 Bull Street was not granted, meaning the building could not house more than three unrelated adults. Mr. Bouknight spoke at the Board of Zoning Appeals on behalf of the neighborhood.
Firefighter's Fund Campaign	Ms. Creed outlined her proposal for raising funds for the Firefighter's Fund. She will host a party at her home to kick off the drive immediately after the neighborhood meeting on October 21 <sup>st</sup> .
Historic Designation	Mr. Sox reported that the city had approved interim protections for some historic neighborhoods, including Cottontown. Under the new protections, any new construction, demolition or relocation of homes in the neighborhood will need to be reviewed by the DDRC before a permit is issued.

Proposed Homeless  
Shelter

Mr. Bouknight reported that the sale of the property at the corner of Main and Elmwood to Christ Central Ministries had taken place. Plans for such a facility must be approved by DDRC, the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and may require a permit from DHEC.

Fall Meeting

The fall neighborhood membership meeting is set for Sunday, October 21, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Bouknight requested that board members send him items for the agenda.

Nominating  
Committee

Ms. Cooper chaired the nominating committee. Also serving were Past President Toby Burleson and member-at-large Sandra Billmeyer. Ms. Cooper presented the slate of nominees for officers and board for 2007-2008:

President, Paul Bouknight  
Vice President, Josh McDuffie  
Secretary, Rusty Sox  
Treasurer, Amy Herin

Board Members: Doug Aylard, Susan Creed, Carol Finethy, Patrick Thiele, Tom Walters

Past Presidents  
Plaque

Ms. Cooper reported that she was having difficulty compiling a list of past presidents for the neighborhood. Record-keeping has been inconsistent and memories of long-time neighborhood association members are conflicting. She will continue to work on it.

Discussion

There was discussion of creating some type of forum where neighborhood residents could share information on contractors or other services.

Adjourn

There was no other business. Ms. Creed moved to adjourn. Ms. Herin seconded, the motion was approved and the meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting Tuesday, October 16, 2007, 6:30 p.m.**