

Kenny Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting
April 15, 2008

Minutes Compiled by Ruth Olson

Attendees: Over 45 attendees and presenters-please see attendance sheets

Handouts: Meeting Agenda, Board Candidate Backgrounds, Kenny Park Use Survey

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Bryan Simmons. Bryan welcomed everyone in attendance and then reviewed the current status of our Phase II Plan as well as neighborhood accomplishments for the past year. Bryan also presented information about the Wood Duck Project sponsored by Windom school that is going on in the Kenny neighborhood.

Presentations:

1. **Cyndi Butler**, Anthony School After School Coordinator, updated the group on the Earth Day Clean-up and the Staying Home Alone course being offered at Anthony School on June 3, 2008
2. **Kristin DeGrande**, CEE, provided an update and basic information of the Kenny Home Improvement Loan Program. At this time, limited funds are still available for exterior improvements to homes in the Kenny neighborhood.
3. **Brian Ellis**, aide to Keith Ellison, gave an update on Representative Ellis' focuses in the Legislature. These include peace, prosperity for working families, environmental conservation and fair voting practices. Representative Ellison's local office can be contacted at (612)522-1212.
4. **Joy Miciano and Steve Barrett** presented the most current plans for the 35W/ Crosstown reconstruction project. The expected finish date of the entire project is November, 2010.
5. **Betsy Hodges**, Councilmember for Ward 13, presented information for the Ward 13 Public Safety Fair to be held on May 3rd at Southwest High School. Betsy also discussed the future of NRP, which is currently set to end in 2009. 54th street between Penn and Upton will be under heavy reconstruction this summer.
6. **Bryan Simmons**, KNA Board Chair, updated the neighborhood on the status of the summer festival. It will be held on Saturday, August 9th, and planning is ongoing.
7. **Ruth Olson**, KNA Coordinator, presented the newly formed Kenny Community Advisory Council plans for neighborhood input and asked that those present complete a Kenny Park Use Survey.

Kenny Treasure: Colleen Sauber and Bryan Simmons presented a Kenny Treasure Award to Tim Martin.

Board Elections: Bryan recognized the faithful service of those members leaving the KNA Board: Tom Campbell, Neil Davis, Bob Engstrom, Mark Glenn and Tim Martin.

Ken Kelash, Christopher Werner and Kristina Werner were elected to serve three year terms for KNA. Those Board members continuing in their service are: Kristen Carberry, Karen Gabler, Jim Horn, Mary Kenning, Brenda Smeby and Bryan Simmons.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bryan Simmons
KNA Board Chairperson

Ruth Olson
KNA Coordinator