

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Members present: Ann Wild (Chair), Kathy Strom (Town Council liaison), Scott Egloff, Bridget Hartman, Erin Kopelman, and Cathy Wolf.

The minutes of the June 16 committee meeting were approved.

Manna Food's Summer Smart Sacks Drive: Bridget announced that 484 pounds of food, 5 backpacks and \$22 were contributed at the July 4 picnic and by door-to-door pick-up the following day. The committee agreed unanimously that this drive should be retained as part of next year's July 4 party.

Dinner Out Club: 17 Town residents attended and enjoyed the dinner at Tia Queta.

2nd Annual Town Progressive Dinner: Bridget and Cathy will ask Belinda to send an e-mail to last year's cooks and hosts, and the committee agreed that there will be a special mailing to publicize the event as well as an article in the September Forecast.

Fall/Winter events: Kathy and Cathy will contact Town residents for a possible Discussion and Desserts panel during the week of September 20. Oktoberfest will take place on Friday, October 15. The committee decided to postpone the B-CC jazz band event in Elm Street Park because of difficulty in scheduling it. Belinda will contact Charlie Cook's secretary to try and schedule him for a post-election analysis. The committee decided to again sponsor the Town Turkey Trot food drive, and Cathy will check with her office about the Holiday Gift Drive. It was also agreed that the East Ave. Ensemble should be contacted about a holiday concert and that there would be a reprise of the December luncheon for seniors.

Scott reported that the Red Cross conducts various CPR trainings and would come to the Town if there is interest. Scott will check to see if these trainings are already offered in any nearby location. A public safety forum is scheduled for October 6, and it was agreed that it made sense to combine this event with a block captain meeting to increase attendance.

Neighborhood Watch: Scott will serve as coordinator until September 2011, and a vice coordinator will be chosen so that he or she can take over when Scott ends his term.

Resident requests: A resident has asked the committee to look into plaques for historic houses. Bridget will contact the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission to find out about the use of plaques for the houses in the Town that are designated historic. Homeowners could decide whether or not they want a plaque. Kathy informed the committee of a resident's proposal for setting policies for Forecast articles, including

those concerned with fundraising and charitable organizations. Kathy will draft guidelines for committee discussion and review. The committee rejected a suggestion by a Town resident that brief obituaries be included in the Forecast.

Ann will make sure that Town events advertised in the Town Neighbors listserv include the caveat that the events are "For Town Residents Only."

The chair is unable to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, so the committee will meet on the 1st Thursday of the month except for the next meeting which will be on Tuesday, September 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Wolf