

**Community Relations Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
**November 4, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Members present: Ann Wild (chair), Kathy Strom (Town Council liaison), Bob Lyford, Julie Stanish, Bridget Hartman, Jean Carlson, and Putnam Ebinger.

A motion was offered to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2010, meeting; and the minutes were approved.

New member Jean Carlson was introduced to the committee. As part of her committee work, she will serve as liaison with the Chevy Chase Elementary School (CCES).

Old business was discussed, including the upcoming East Avenue Ensemble concert and the recently held successful Oktoberfest and Discussion and Desserts events. Desserts were served beforehand at the latter, which seemed a good idea for the future. There were a number of families in attendance.

Bridget talked about the upcoming coat drive and Turkey Trot. Residents are already responding. There was a request from Linkages to Learning for an increase in Thanksgiving baskets to 60 because the need is so great. We need to get out plenty of notices in the Town Crier and Town Neighbors to encourage people to give and help out.

Ann talked in Cathy Wolf's absence about the Holiday Gift Project, which is still planned, although no specific details were available at this time.

Julie discussed the possibility of a Dinner Out at Food & Wine on December 9<sup>th</sup>. This seemed to be a good date.

Bob said the VIN etching event will need to be moved until April or May. It was suggested it might be good to combine with a car wash from a local group pending the availability of a water hookup.

A few minor edits were made in the description of the committee's work on the 2010-2011 Town strategic plan.

New Business:

The group reviewed possible upcoming and proposed events for the first part of next year. Enthusiasm was shown for an art event with wine and cheese if we can find a town champion. Art could be for sale by the artists. No champion has yet emerged for a writer's event.

Jean mentioned a need for volunteers at CCES.

The Environment Committee wants to add some green gardening ideas to this year's garden tour. (Since the meeting, Ann talked with Sally Kelly, chair of the Environment Committee, who will come to our December meeting to discuss her ideas further.)

Ann mentioned a recent discussion on the Town Neighbors listserv regarding possible adult volunteer listings in the Forecast for emergency assistance. Discussion focused on what constituted an "emergency." Ann was to get clarification on the listserv. The Town Council would have to approve the idea before it could go forward.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stanish