

CHNA Minutes from Thursday, September 7th meeting at the Heart Center

Treasurer's Report Jana \$5,521.26 Checking, \$439.27 Savings, \$1,255.67 Tour Of Homes Account

Old Business

Discussion of the Annual Picnic. Everyone felt that Jean did an excellent job organizing. Good turn out of around 100 people. Next year we will decide on whether or not to order more food since we ran out towards the end.

Tour Of Homes organization is going well, but needing more volunteers for the day of the tour

Banner project is under way for Seerley Blvd. General consensus was to print up 8 banners at a total cost for CHNA of \$950.

New Business

Andrew Morse, a student from UNI and Director of Public Relations for the Northern Iowa Student Government came to give his information on the Adopt an Alley project. He has 15 organizations committed to the effort so far with hopes of getting 15 more. The city has donated signs for each alley and garbage bags. The local businesses have donated 100 t-shirts to be given to the students to advertise the effort. Andrew asked for CHNA to donate gloves for the students to wear, prices are being checked into.

Creek Clean up was tentatively set at the Sunday after Homecoming at UNI.

Decisions on the Homecoming Parade (car with banner?) and Christmas Tree lighting are still being looked at.

A newsletter for CHNA needs to be worked on, Jean will do some work on it and get some help from other people to add to the content.

Kamayar wanted input from CHNA on concerns and they were discussed. Issues to be brought to city council;

- 1) Asking for a part time city employee to be a shared resource person for the CHNA and Overman Park Neighborhood Association, to write proposals and act as a go between the city and neighborhoods.
- 2) CHNA would like to see a streetscape reflect the neighborhood, perhaps local artwork and flowering shrubs and perennials.
- 3) CHNA has concerns over the storm water utility fee and how it will be utilized, will it be used to its optimum benefit? Who controls it? What is being done to help with run off issues and flooding?
- 4) Could we look into an initiative with local banks/city government to offer tax abatements and incentives for renovations to families (low income) to purchase homes to improve unsightly properties?

Total in attendance 7 - Sally Dietz, Terri Helinski, Zoey Helinski, Jill Lankford, Jana Nelson, Loree Rackstraw, Jean Simmet