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LINCOLN PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

⇒⇒ **FIRST MEETING IS THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016** ⇐⇐
7:00 PM
FRIENDLY TOWN

Speaker: Doug Ahrens, Director of Public Works

Hello everyone!

Spring is in the air!! Enjoy the sunshine and warmer temps!

Our first meeting will be Thursday, **MAY 19th**, 7:00 pm, at Friendly Town. As a reminder to all, and especially to new neighbors, this is **NOT** a Homeowner's Association, but rather a **NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**. It makes no difference if you are an owner or a renter, you are encouraged to participate and voice your opinions, concerns and any ideas you may have. Also, it is a great way to meet more of your neighbors. Please mark your calendars for the 2016 meetings on May 19, July 21, and September 15.

As mentioned above, Doug Ahrens will be our speaker. He will be telling us about "OurDanville", new software the City is implementing. This software will enable the interaction between the public and the City, through a cell phone, concerning issues that would be reported to a Code Enforcement Inspector. It will enhance both internal and external accountability.

The May meeting always includes the election of officers. All positions are open. So that our Association remains in existence, it's vital that new people step up. Become involved to ensure the lasting vitality, good health and safety of our neighborhood.

Some people **STILL** think that this Association is responsible for approval or disapproval when a Certificate of Appropriateness is submitted for exterior changes to your property. **OUR ASSOCIATION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS PROCESS.** Members of the Historic Preservation Commission make ALL decisions, totally different than LPHDNA. Our contact regarding questions concerning the Historic District is Liila Bagby, Department of Engineering & Urban Services, Planner I, at 431-3453, or lbagby@cityofdanville.org.

Park cleanup will be Saturday, May 28. We'll meet at the north entrance at 9:00 am. Please come and help tidy up the park and surrounding streets. Picks and bags will be provided.

The minutes of our last meeting, September 17th, 2015, are on the back of this page.

I hope you'll be at our first meeting on May 19th. We have lots to catch up on! New ideas are always welcome. Let's have a great year!!

Brenda Duggins
President, LPHDNA

**Lincoln Park Historic District Neighborhood Association Meeting
September 17, 2015; 7:00 p.m.; Lincoln Park Friendly Town
Classroom**

The meeting was called to order by the president, Brenda Dwiggins, who welcomed the attendees and introduced the speakers; David Schnelle, Director of Engineering and Urban Services and Ross Hilleary, Planning Technician, both for the City of Danville. David Schnelle gave a presentation on the Danville Storm water Master Plan. He answered questions and distributed surveys sheets that could be used to make the city aware of flooding and backup issues. Ross Hilleary gave a presentation on the Danville High School Master Plan. He discussed the planned improvements to the high school and took questions from the attendees. Robert Adkisson, Code Enforcement Inspector for the City of Danville, also attended and took questions from the attendees. He encouraged us to report violations. His number is 304-0809.

The minutes of the July 2015 meeting were approved as presented in the Newsletter. The balance in the treasury as of 8/31/15 is \$1,583.29.

Old Business:

Yard signs are still available. The cost would be \$78.00 but we still have money left from the city and we can purchase for \$35.00. There is money left to subsidize 15 more signs. A form is needed to complete the request. Brenda has information on the year our homes were built based on the tax information. The first owner's name is optional. Brenda can be reached at 431-0092.

Brenda brought forms for the "Neighborhood Workshop Awards". There has been a change allowing anyone to nominate a person or association. Prior to this change only association Presidents could make nominations.

New Business:

Brenda attended the Housing Task Force Presentation held on September 10, 2015. It was a public input session presented by: Jaclyn Marganski, Doug Ahrens, David Schnelle and Christopher Milliken. Brenda provided us with a list of the topics discussed. The information is also on the city website.

Two meetings are being held on Saturday, September 11th at City Hall at 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. The City of Danville is partnering with the University of Illinois to work on the creation of design concepts for the Riverfront area. At 9:00 am, 40 students will form 8 teams that will include a community member for a brainstorming session. Brenda will participate. The 4:00 pm meeting is open to the public at which time the students will present their recommendations based on the morning meeting.

Danville received negative publicity by WCIA and the News Gazette. The information was obtained from a Facebook article stating Danville was the second worst city in Illinois. The article was infotainment and should not have been reported as fact. Mayor Eisenhower responded to the source and Brenda read his response to us.

We discussed crime in our area. There was an armed robbery on August 10th by three males at Lincoln Park. Toilet paper fires have been set at the North entrance of Lincoln Park. There have also been several residential burglaries.

The park clean up is scheduled for Saturday, 9/26 at 9:00 A.M. Volunteers are to meet at the North entrance of Lincoln Park.

The "Making a Difference in the Neighborhood" sign was awarded to Shirley and Rocky Hill who reside at 1207 Sherman.

City Updates:

Aldermen Puhr brought us up-to-date on city matters and various activities going on in the area.

Rocky Hill won the 50/50 drawing and donated his winnings of \$8.50 back to the association. Cathy Johnson won the door prize/\$25.00 Big R gift certificate.

The next meeting will be May 19, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Susan Barnes, Secretary