

**Kenwick Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes
3-25-08**

1. Welcome

Kristin Ingwell Goode, Board President, called the meeting to order, distributed the agenda and explained how the association operates for the benefit of first time attendees.

2. Speakers from LFUCG Code Enforcement: Matt Fergusson (Nuisance Control and Martha Alexander (Housing))

Code Enforcement Officers were provided an overview of their responsibilities and answered questions from the KNA. Code Enforcement is reachable through LexCall (311). They are staffed by a team of five inspectors and make every effort to return all calls within a 48-hour response time. Below are some specific common concerns which they addressed:

Calls about inoperable vehicles on private property? Upon receipt of a complaint, an inspector will go out and leave a sticker notice on the vehicle. This is followed formal notice and then the vehicle is towed. Property owner will be billed for this (even on rental properties).

What constitutes an overgrown lawn? Weeds over 12 inches.

Basketball hoops set up in front of houses? For hoops set up on sidewalks, Code Enforcement can be called, for hoops set up in the street, the Police would be called.

What about housing violations? Housing must be maintained inside/outside. Inspections are complaint driven and Code Enforcement will work with homeowners to ensure repairs are made by helping lower income residents identify resources for assistance. For inside inspections, the tenant or owner must make the complaint as access must be granted in order for an inspection to be completed.

What follow up occurs after citations? Citations typically result in a 30-day notice to complete (or at a minimum begin to undertake) repairs. If owners are not compliant, fines may be issued. If fines remain unpaid, liens may be issues on the property.

3. Police in the Neighborhood

Officers Hyer and Richardson, who patrol the area including Kenwick Neighborhood spoke to the group about ways to work with the police.

- They strongly encouraged calling about any and all concerns as this is required for them to follow up concerns: minors out after curfew (11pm on weekdays and 1am on weekends for youth under 18), neighborhood nuisances, speeding, etc.
- Discussed the cut through behind the Kenwick Center which has been a problem spot for the neighborhood as it is used inappropriately as a cut-through. This will be followed up with the Parks Division/Police Department. Proposal to build a fence to cut this path off.

4. Bungalow Tour

Planning is underway for the Kenwick Bungalow Tour 2008.

- Volunteers interested in helping can call 269-9417 or email Susan Nichols (susan_e_nichols@yahoo.com)
- Suggestions of homes to be included are welcome.
- Date will be Sunday June 8th, 1-5 pm

- We need volunteers for ticket sales, cookie baking and assistance with hosting duties at homes on the tour.

5. **Future Events**

- Great American Clean Up—Date not decided for this event. We are still seeking volunteers to organize this event. It is a great opportunity to clean up the neighborhood and clean out our own homes. The City will provide large item pickup and a dumpster. Recycling services will also be available.
- Flier distribution in April—We are still planning to have a flier announcement go out in April from the KNA to all neighborhood homes. Content will include the Bungalow Tour, the Clean Up, KNA Membership information, etc.
- Proposal for future topics—Landscaping topics, possibilities include LFUCG Forrestry service to discuss planting trees, Shooting Star Nursery to discuss wild flowers, or Michler's to discuss native plants

The next meeting will be May 27th, 7pm in the Kenwick Center.