

Greater Jacksonville Association, Inc.
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 15, 2011

The GJA Board met on the above date at Jacksonville Elementary School. President Doug Oakley called meeting to order at 7:35 pm. In attendance were approximately 15 members.

The minutes of the February 15, 2011 were not available because Secretary Betsy Lehmann was absent. Treasurer Glen Thomas reported a balance of \$14,958.74, as of January 31.

Captain Marty Lurz of the Cocksylville Precinct reported recent residential burglaries in Precincts 3, 6 and 7. Typically an individual would do solicitation of their purported business by canvassing homes, but provide no business cards or promotional materials. Several weeks ago two white males were arrested in the area, but have not been linked to all of the burglaries. Mr. Oakley noted there is a website called spotcrime.com that can generate e-mail alerts for crimes that occur in your area. Captain Lurz indicated the department has a crime tracking resource available to the public.

Mr. Oakley discussed initiatives to increase GJA membership including exploring options for mass mailing and purchase of 4 welcoming signs to the community that would have indication of GJA sponsorship on the signs. Increasing in the membership will continue to be a major focus of GJA.

Mr. Thomas reported that Exxon continues distribution of water to homes impacted by the gasoline discharge and extraction of water from the aquifer and discharge after testing. No decision by MDE on Exxon's request to reduce water sampling and distribution of water to residences.

Mr. Thomas stated that the Zoning Commissioner denied the motion to appeal by owner of carport on Jarrettsville Pike. Defendant has 30 days to appeal.

Mr. Oakley talked about changes underway to update/modernize the bylaws.

Mr. Oakley stated Councilman Todd Huff will attend the 6/21 meeting and the membership is encouraged to think of questions to pose to Councilman Huff.

Mr., Oakley said there are plans for BGE to give a presentation at a future meeting. BGE will discuss their tree trimming program scheduled to begin soon and wants feedback from the community on the program

Mr. Oakley wanted membership input concerning the proposal to have quarterly instead of monthly meetings. This may require moving the Board elections to December which requires a bylaws change. One member objected to changing to quarterly meetings. Another member suggested 6 times a year, The Board will have further discussion on the issue.

Mr. Oakley reported that Councilman Huff will make sure overgrown trees reported by a resident on a street will be taken care of by the county.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marc Peters, Board Member

(There was no meeting in April.)