

Clokey Park Neighborhood Association

March 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order was given by Jason Butterick.

Introductions were given by each neighbor and guest, prompted by the questions: Where in the neighborhood do you live? How long have you lived here? What is one thing you like about our neighborhood?

Decatur Police

DPD Officer Wisniewski & Officer in training Bray were present. The officers provided current information about crime issues in the area, and answered neighbors' concerns and questions. There is a lot of unsupervised juvenile property crime occurring: i.e. broken windows on vacant or unsecured property. Recent shootings have been occurring due to two groups feuding over a murder that happened 5 to 6 years ago. They are primarily targeting members of each group, and neighbors are encouraged to be aware of suspicious activity and report. The recently passed state criminal justice reform legislation is being reviewed on its impact in policing strategies and interaction with citizens. Our neighborhood has many unsupervised or undersupervised children, and since the law treats juveniles (even repeat offending) differently than adults, they are limited by law as to response and consequence.

Treasurers Report

Amanda Butterick reported a balance of \$492.00 in checking and Approximately \$450 in our Community Foundation fund. Jason Butterick reminded attendees that the annual dues for official membership in the Clokey Park Neighborhood Association is \$10 a year. He also announced the neighborhood's official website: clokeypark.org.

Old Business

Neighborhood Walks

Prior to COVID-19, the neighborhood group would gather each Sunday at the McDonald's parking lot on East Eldorado and walk through the neighborhood on one street for about an hour. These walks will resume in the next month or two as COVID-19 cases drop.

Adopt-A-Street

Since 2008, the Clokey Park Neighborhood Association has been responsible for litter pick-up along East Main & East Prairie streets between Jasper and 22nd. The first clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, at 10 am, gathering at the Prairie Avenue Christian Church parking lot. Litter getters and supplies will be provided. COVID-19 guidelines. The regular schedule of Adopt-A-Street projects are the Third Saturday of the month, between April-September.

New Business

Youth Activity

There was some discussion about offering positive youth engagement and activity in the coming year, especially during the summer season.

Block by Block Program

Our neighborhood has been included in the Decatur Block by Block program through Brinkoetter realtors. David Coy has been chosen as a recipient of their curbside improvement program. We will invite representatives to visit an upcoming association meeting to share the qualifications, expectations, and results of their efforts soon.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 22, 6:30 pm Prairie Avenue Christian Church