

**Crestline Neighborhood
Minutes of Meeting
January 26, 2012**

President Sandra Storm called the meeting to order at 6:30pm at McElwain Church.

The roll call sheet was sent around for attendees to sign. Pres. Storm then asked us to introduce ourselves.

There was no old business.

In new business, Mike Milazo, representative for CH Brantley, addressed us. CH Brantley is running for Judge in District Court Place 3 in Family Court.

Barbara White brought up a problem with a call to 311. David Ricker, Councilwoman Kim Rafferty's assistant, said when you call 311, you need to get a confirmation number. This will help in tracing problems with the resolution of your call. Mr. Ricker then told us that Mrs. Rafferty will be publishing a newsletter. In the first newsletter neighbors will be asked for a list of things citizens wish for their neighborhoods which will be included in the 20 Year Plan for the City of Birmingham. Sandra asks that you send her wishes for our neighborhoods - ex. sidewalks, gutters, etc. Please send your wishes for improvements to Sandra at Cretlinena@aol.com.

Mark Hawkins brought up the problem of speeding on Hagood St. Mr. Ricker told us the city does not want to put in speed bumps because of city liability issues and the fact that they slow down emergency vehicles. It was suggested that a request for more police presence might help.

Barbara White reported on the Mountaindale Flood Plain reassessment, which is being spearheaded by Frank Lassiter. Frank was unable to attend this meeting but asks for support and input from neighbors who will be impacted by reassessment. He is trying to get the reassessment of the Flood Plain for property owners who have been made to pay flood insurance since October, 2006. He has found that the assessment procedure was flawed. Sandra suggested that we need to get all those who wish to be involved together. The following is the flyer which was put together by Mr. Lassiter. Please get in touch with him for more information. And please share this with your neighbors who might not be on this email list.

**ATTENTION
MOUNTAINDALE RESIDENTS**

Are you required to carry flood insurance?

**Is the market value of your home being unnecessarily
impaired**

by an improper flood plain designation?

If so, please read the following:

- Possible errors were made in the September 2006 update to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) covering this neighborhood
 - Overly conservative assumptions and/or outdated information were potentially used to determine the expanded Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA, a/k/a Flood Plain) in Mountaindale
- The resulting SFHA boundary may be overreaching, which

could be incorrectly and unnecessarily incorporating certain properties into the SFHA

- Revisions to the FIRM could positively impact homeowners that are currently required to carry flood insurance, including the following possibilities:

- Removal from SFHA and elimination of flood insurance requirement

- Reduction of flood insurance premium

- Your support is needed to petition the City of Birmingham to fund a reassessment of the SFHA covering Mountaindale and further fund a revision to the FIRM if necessary

- A redraw of the map with more reasonable and realistic flood plain boundaries could lead to a significant number of homes being removed from the SFHA. This would provide property owners with substantial and direct economic benefits

- If you would like to support this effort, please e - mail lassiter7@mac.com and indicate you want the Crestline Neighborhood Association to sponsor a petition requesting the City of Birmingham fund a professional reassessment of the SFHA covering Mountaindale and correct for any errors via a revision to the existing FIRM

- This is not a solicitation for money nor does support of this petition constitute an entrance into a personal financial obligation

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND SUPPORT
OF THIS IMPORTANT, NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACTING,
EFFORT

Questions:

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Sarah McKay from Community Education South **reported** to us of their Yard Sale and Craft Show on Sat., May 5, and bus trip to Memphis June 14-16. Call 231-8980 to register for classes which include Computer, Crafts, Exercise/Dance, Driving safety, Birthing, Cooking, Etiquette, Piano and Oral History or email to communityedrocks@yahoo.com.

William Darby, Librarian at Eastwood Library at the Shops of Montevallo, has state tax flyers and booklets available.

Jeff Donmoyer invites us to the Eastwood Neighborhood Meeting next Thursday at 7:00pm - it is held at the Eastwood Library.

Office Welsh reported that burglaries are down but robberies are up in our area. The couple who were robbed on Arlington were followed around in WalMart and then followed home by the robbers. Officer Welsh says to be aware of who is around you and report to the police if you are uncomfortable.

Mary Brent called for **adjournment** and Jade Beavers seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara W, White, Secretary CNA

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