

**Franz Park
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The meeting began at 7:38 p.m. as President Francine Case lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. Paul Nelson, who recently moved into Franz Park, was welcomed as a guest to the meeting. Two police officers from 2nd Police District, Officers Christ and Christlib, provided current crime statistics for 2nd District. In comparing January '07 to January '08, crimes against people are down 61%; property crimes are up 18.9% with a total increase in crimes of 10.1%. The officers explained that a rash of garage burglaries resulted in the increase and that the burglars have been apprehended. They also cautioned membership that recently elderly women have been targeted at grocery stores for purse snatching. Pearse Mullally announced that on March 26, 2008 the Officer of the Year will be recognized at a luncheon for 2nd District Police at the Electrical Workers Hall. Officer Christlib then announced that Office Christ is the Officer of the Year.

Both officers responded to questions from membership.

Next Neighborhood Stablization Officer, Chris Howard, reported regarding problem properties. Several landlords have evicted tenants who were involved in drug dealing.

Alderman Bill Waterhouse reported that houses on Forest & Mitchell have a new owner who has applied for permits to finish the construction. Five homes are being built on Fairmont with another developer in early spring. The street will be paved when construction is completed. Curbs at Mitchell Terrace are to be repaired.

Guest Speaker, Martin Cassas, of Front Yard Features, explained the history of the outdoor movie presentations and discussed plans for 2008. The membership agreed to present Superman Returns on Saturday, May 24th with a rain date of September 19th and one of the pirate movies as a substitute. The Parks Department is waiving fees for this outdoor event which will be held in Franz Park. A permit for sale of food will be obtained. Stanley Gibson, Greg Tauser, and Bob Case agreed to be committee members for this event. Other members are welcome to join this committee.

Under old business, minutes from the December '07 were approved; membership was reminded that the ByLaws have been amended; Treasurer Virgil Yowell reported \$849.23 in the bank account and \$121.26 in petty cash receipts. Pearse Mullally reported that he and Stanley Gibson worked with the Board of Elections on the recent primary election and that the elections went smoothly. Under new business, Pearse Mullally reported that Operation Brightside will be held on March 29, 2008. Volunteers for block captains are requested to contact Pearse. VP of Membership, Maureen Yowell, reported that some members have made duplicate payments of membership dues. She also reported plans to contact area businesses to solicit business memberships for the organization. Corresponding secretary, Dallas Dufer, has designed new membership card which were distributed to members attending this meeting. Members who have e-mail service and are willing to receive the newsletter via e-mail rather than postal mail are requested to contact the FPCA at franzparkstl@yahoo.com with their current e-mail addresses.

President Francine Case mentioned that Mr. Franz has requested copies of any old photographs anyone in the community may have of the park. She also mentioned that the guest speaker for our next meeting will be Katy Mike Smaistrila of the Botanical Gardens. The next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Powers, Recording Secretary



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