

McKOWNVILLE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes

23 May 1979

Twenty-six members were present.

Meeting opened by President Don Reeb.

The first item of discussion was the 21st Point Club development and its special use permit approval.

A proposed transmission center may go into the former CITGO station at Arcadia and Western (Denis Ryan - d/b/a Albany Transmission Co.). The general feeling seemed to be that we would rather see something there than see it empty. Someone commented that there once had been a transmission center there.

It was announced that L'Ecole received its variance for a deck for summer dining.

The topic of a place for children to play was brought up. A good place seemed to be the property at the end of Warren that is Stuyvesant Plaza property, but they said no. There is a possibility that Niagara Mohawk will allow the area under the transmission lines to be used. Further discussion included investigating the possibility of using SUNYA facilities. The Senior Citizens can use the SUNYA pool from 1:30-2:30 on Fridays.

The next item on the agenda was a proposed Community Garage Sale to raise money for the Association to augment its treasury. Margaret McKinley will chair it. Some of the proceeds will go to The Pine Bush Preservation group for the Don't Mall the Pine Bush bumper stickers. Suggestions as to a place to hold it were made:

old firehouse
McKinley garage
fire department parking lot
Christ Lutheran lot
1450 Western Avenue - now owned by State Bank

Motion was made by Margaret McKinley and seconded by Alice Torda: To have a sale sometime before September and that Don Reeb ask the bank if it would be possible. A combination garage sale-flea market was suggested. A committee will be appointed to help Margaret McKinley.

Richard Warnke had a question regarding the widening of Western Avenue and what was going on by Tina Maries in Westmere. - apparently culverts and sewer pipes are going in there.

A suggestion was made that we launch a membership drive. There are @ 820 homes in McKownville. To help with this it was suggested: that we write a history of the association, that new residents automatically be contacted, that there be a membership table at the garage sale. Someone asked about the original intention of the organization which Don said was to give assistance to the town gov't, either for or against plans. Recent defeats were discussed (21st Point, Denny's, Fiaccos) along with the antagonism with Town Hall. Marey Bailey offered to work on a history, if old minutes are supplied to her.

The nominating committee report was given: President : Don Reeb, V.P.: Steve Harausz, Sec.:Marey Bailey, Treas. : Tom VanBuren, Board members: 3 yrs - Bill Butler, Alice Torda, John Esler, 1 yr. - Ron Jones. Motion was made by Richard Warnke and seconded by Don Munn that one ballot be cast by the secretary for the slate. It was passed. A suggestion was made to revise the by-laws and the constitution. Meeting adjourned. 11