

**Minutes**  
**Executive Committee**

Valhalla Party Room

**June 13, 2016**

4:30 pm

Those in attendance from the committee were Brian Kroeger, Mike Fenske, Wayne Jaspersen, and Judy Ohly. Guests in attendance were Pat Chambers and Max Giefer

1. **Policy for hand-held bidet installed in bathrooms-** Not approved  
Committee agrees Article II 2.3 applies "water closets, sinks, garbage disposals and bathtubs are to be used only for their intended domestic purposes, and any damage resulting from misuse shall be the responsibility of the unit owner in whose unit they are located".
2. **Presentation for stair grip on stairs-** Not approved due to liability exposure and possible greater financial burden to the HOA umbrella policy
3. **Insurance clause in our bylaws-** talk to Ohly Law Office for legal options
4. **Landlord guidelines-** Recommend a work group appointed by the MB
5. **Should we do more for safety and security?** Recommend a work group appointed by the Master Board
6. **NUSA Convention update-** Recap provided by Judy Ohly

Committee requests the Master Board dissolve the Long Range Planning Committee and all future changes to that document be made through the MB

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Ohly

Memphis, TN

Great Speakers- My favorite is Moziah "MO" Bridges- CEO, Mo's Bows Handmade Bow Ties  
National Civil Rights Museum- Lorraine Motel

### **NUSA Convention**

NUSA stands for the Neighborhoods USA. NUSA has over 800 members nationwide and beyond. I met a member from Hiroshima, Japan! He serves as a planner and educator in Japan.

### **Grants & Fundraising-**

Set up a data repository- letters of support- research

A grant proposal is not a report but a blueprint

Money is not the most important part of a grant proposal, it is people

Revenue stream analysis...who needs what you have?

The "story" is the key

Proposals can be accomplished with donations, gifts, grants and VOLUNTEERS!

### **Technology- NNA**

MyNNA.com is a free site that offers all the on-line tools in one spot for neighborhoods- This will be a great tool for Neighborhoods working in conjunction with their website!

### **The Interactive Idea Trading Session-**

This session had a lot of great ideas on how to get neighbors involved

- Advertise with signs within the neighborhood
- Computers for kids- equipment is refurbished and distributed to kids at a very low cost
- Cooking competitions
- Neighborly awards for small acts of kindness or bravery- nomination process
- Prioritization chart for neighbors to develop next year plan
- Pass the hat event
- Mini Library
- Neighborhood 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade
- Hot pot contests- chili and soups
- Show up- step out- stand out: Leadership skills workshop community service project
- Adopt a neighbor program
- Organic Recycling
- Neighborhood movie program

- Clean up projects

### **Youth and Service-**

The message is: Service is everyday life and the highest honor

Learn to love your neighborhood

Service learning is good for resume

Reward with validation

Promotes understanding of diversity and mutual respect

Gives youth a voice in planning

### **Branding your Neighborhood-**

Perception or reality

This is how you want your neighborhood to be identified

People will never forget how you made them feel

There is a book written by Jay Walljasper called "The Great Neighborhood Book; A do-it-yourself Guide to Placemaking". If you have been following the DMC Initiative the concept of placemaking is familiar and will work in EVERY neighborhood! Jay plans to come to Rochester and R-Neighbors will be coordinating a public event with Jay. All neighborhoods, planners, businesses and community leaders will be invited!

I would like to see R-Neighbor's grow the tools we offer neighborhoods.  
"Branding your Neighborhood" and "Youth and Service" are my top priorities.

Judy Ohly

Executive Board and Board of Directors for R-Neighbors

Valhalla Park Condominiums- General Manager