

## Minutes from 9/22/11 123<sup>rd</sup> Street Block Association and Community Garden Meeting

### Agenda

- 1) Block Association and Garden Finances
- 2) News from the Community
  - a. Youth Day
  - b. Halloween in the Garden
- 3) Presentation from Viridian on Green Energy
- 4) Block clean up and Fall Garden Projects
- 5) Vice President position- still open!
- 6) Steering Committee elections

### Attendance

Aaron Albano	Mayer Grashin	Vincent Beeker
Carrie Walker	Mel Alexander	Rosa Taylor
Diane Mellon	Paul Ferrara	
Jackie Albano	Robin Worley	
Jason Price	Scott Alborn	
Jim Streacker	Sebastian Morell	
Kendra Sykes	Shirley Reid	
Lamont Alston	Tracy Stahling	
Mathian Osicki	Glenn Richards	

- 1) Block Association and Garden Finances
  - a. Currently 20 BA members and 38 garden members
  - b. Balance is \$1,300.00, which mostly comes from member group fees.
  - c. Outstanding bills- lots of people need to submit their reimbursements which add up to between \$100 and \$200 dollars.
- 2) News from the Community
  - a. Youth Day has been rescheduled to 10/1
    - i. Police department granted a permit for this date from noon-6pm
    - ii. There are plans to do a block clean up early that morning and for this to happen, you must move your car the night before.
  - b. Halloween Party is in conjunction with the Youth Program and has plans on collaborating with the Mt. Morris Halloween event taking place on the same day.
- 3) Presentation from Viridian on Green Energy

- a. Presenter: Maurice Fremkin
  - b. Energy deregulation is a 5 billion dollar market and the law says that we can choose the origin of our energy.
  - c. 12 million have the right to choose and over 90% haven't made that choice and still decided to stay with the third party supplier.
  - d. Viridian uses the direct selling to let people know they have the right to choose. Direct selling takes place in 6 states and is very easy to enrollment and seamless to install. The only change would be to the supply section of your gas bill.
  - e. Block Association could be a part of the fundraising program, where we can earn monthly residual income i.e. for every sponsored customer, Viridian pays the Block Association. Rates vary over the months and are both seasonal and monthly.
- 4) Block Clean up and other Fall Projects
- a. The block has been dirty! If you are hanging out outside, you are responsible for the clean-up, including that of your guests.
  - b. Garden News
    - i. Clean up before Halloween party.
    - ii. People should their boxes, if it is a burden to keep up with your produce, please feel free to share it with others.
    - iii. Aaron needs help laying down materials for the path.
    - iv. Are we moving the Heritage Roses?
      - 1. Scott and Diane will explore next steps in regards to the roses. October is the best time to do so.
      - 2. Scott Stringer's office has a workshop for heritage roses and their set up in the Spring.
- 5) Steering Committee Discussion
- a. 9 nominations- vote for as many people as you want, each person needs as at least three votes to be considered for the committee.