

Minutes of the APCA Planning Meeting of January 24th 2012

The meeting was held at 25 Green Lane and came to order at 7P.M. with 7 residents present. The goal of this session was to develop the 2012 APCA Calendar of Events.

Old Business:

Pursuant to the specific goals of this meeting, any discussion of outstanding issues was postponed until next month.

New Business:

- **Procedural Revisions for the Announcement of Meetings & Events:**

Some residents have expressed security concerns over the posting of signs indicating specific times and locations of meetings and events. It was agreed that in the future, these signs will instead refer residents to the APCA website as well as to disseminated fliers, both of which will list all such specific information.

- **2012 Calendar:** Those present agreed upon the following timetable of events:

Monthly Meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays: February 15th, March 14th, April 11th, May 9th and June 13th. Subsequent meeting dates will be determined later in the year.

The *APCA Spring Clean Up* will occur on Saturday, April 14th from 9:00A.M. – Noon with all participants meeting at the Glenwood Circle gates.

Our *Spring Plant Sale* will be held on Saturday, May 12th at 9:00A.M. at the Glenwood Circle gates. A commemorative tree planting will also occur at that time.

The *APCA Annual Tag Sale* will occur on Saturday, May 19th from 9:00A.M. – 4:00P.M. Contact information will be provided allowing interested parties to register with the APCA. The Association will provide signage to all registrants as well as an additional but limited amount of space at a group site for those who don't wish to operate a sale on their own property.

The *Beginning of Summer Hot Dog Roast* will occur at a date in June to be decided shortly beforehand depending upon school calendars, weather forecasts etc.

Through a grant from the Springfield Cultural Council, a *Summer Concert Series* is scheduled to run for a period of 4 consecutive Thursdays from June 21st through July 12th, with July 19th and 26th serving as rain dates. A resident has offered her property as a venue for these musical events and we will be working with her to manage details as the summer season approaches.

Another series of *Backyard Movie Nights* is scheduled for the following Thursdays at 8:30 P.M.: July 26th, August 9th and August 23rd. These large screen events will again be hosted by Kelli Moriarty and Dave Finn at their home on 63 Atwater Terrace. A series of televised Yankees/ Red Sox games will also be shown.

The *APCA End of Summer Picnic* will be held on Saturday, September 15th from 1:00-4:00P.M. Prior to our February meeting, we will be contacting a specific resident who has expressed interest in hosting this event in order to confirm the location.

This year our *Annual Food Drive* will offer Thursday-Friday drop-off points at 63 Atwater Terrace, 25 Green Lane and 88 Caseland St. A central drop-off will be set up at the Glenwood Circle pillars on Saturday, November 17th from 11:00-12:00.

November 17th will also be the day of our *Fall Clean Up* which will occur from 9:00-Noon and will commence at the Glenwood Pillars.

The *APCA Tree Lighting Ceremony* will occur on Saturday, December 1st at 6:00P.M. at the Glenwood Circle Rotary.

The *APCA Annual Holiday Party* will occur on Saturday, December 8th with specific details being determined next Fall.

Other Items: We agreed that it would be wise to consistently use the APCA website logo on all fliers, letters and other forms of communication in order to highlight recognition not only of our on-line presence but also our presence as an organization.

We agreed to develop and disseminate a flier listing all scheduled events through the end of summer, followed by another in the fall which will detail those occurring up to the end of the year. These will be disseminated to all residents. It's important to note that because our signs will no longer convey specific information about meeting sites, these fliers now become a much more essential piece of our communications. Therefore, we agreed to preface each of them with a suggestion that residents should save and post them in their homes.

We also discussed the possibility of holding some monthly meetings outside of residents' homes at sites such Baystate Meeting Rooms or a church space here in the neighborhood, as was sometimes done in the past. We speculated on whether or not this might boost attendance at meetings and agreed to investigate this possibility and discuss the subject further in February.