

STOCKWELL PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held Tuesday 19th June 2007

At 23 Stockwell Park Road

Present: Anthony Gladstone-Thompson, Janine Gladstone-Thompson, Elizabeth Aves, Maria Gotley, Simon Doff, Caroline Hirst, Amanda Cornish.

Apologies: Karim Kassam.

Review of Stockwell Park Festival 15th/16th/17th June:

A lively community atmosphere and good attendance at events, including several new residents and also other new people, friends of concert performers, craft fair stall holders and allotment holders.

The Festival publicity card: Thank you to Graphic Designer Miranda Snow for generosity and patience reworking the Festival flier to include the new events.

Insurance for Festival: Thank you Simon Doff for researching and arranging insurance for £150. *Agreed this must be done annually in future.*

Concert in memory and celebration of Carole Willis: The largest attendance yet – a tribute to Carole. Congratulations and thanks to Martin Keiffer for the programme of music and for organising the concert. And to all who took part.

Thinking ahead: 50 more glasses needed for bar; juice for children; white wine kept cold in bucket with ice; buy corkscrews to keep with glasses. Remember to take tea towels. Short discussion whether it might be possible to encourage people from St. Michael's parish to come and enjoy the concert, in addition to residents: children's choir from St. Andrew's? the church choir?

A second full festival flier should be sent out beginning of week of Festival; placed on the website; and issued as a website newsletter.

Craft and Fashion Fair: A new event and delightful occasion - to become a fixture, we hope. Thank you Louise, Paul and Antonia - and everyone involved. Thank you to artists and craftspeople donating percentage of their takings to Festival charities. *Thinking ahead: Again next year, we hope? Garden or church hall? (There is some outside space at hall and down Church path). It wouldn't be as nice but it would take away anxiety re: weather.*

Film Show: A fun occasion with good turn-out, funky atmosphere in The Shed, popular popcorn and juice boxes and much enjoyment. Thanks to Thomas Woodham-Smith and Louise for their idea and hard work organizing the show. Also to Robin Langton for arranging for the Adventure Playground to let us use The Shed.

Flower Festival: Thanks to Jean Orr – and to the flower arrangers - for the contribution the flower festival makes, particularly to the concert and the Sunday service. So many imaginative creations!

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Gardens Open: Spectacular and interesting gardens, each one so different – and the allotments, of course, adding serious WOW factor. The owners of each garden and each allotment had put in months of work to get ready and the allotments committee much advance planning. Thank you to everyone involved.

Teas: Thank you Jane Turcan and Angharad Start for organizing it all, to Angharad for lending her garden and to everyone who helped with baking, serving, washing up, taking money etc.

Thinking ahead: usual careful consideration of pricing.

Barbecue: A larger than ever attendance, including several new people. Thank you to everyone involved with shopping, barbecuing etc. and to Maria and Will Gotley for loan of their garden.

Special thanks to Jack Henniker-Gotley for his hard work in collecting payments.

Thinking ahead: a rota supervision of children; a children’s video.

Money taken at Festival – (gross at this stage, not net)

Concert: Wine £303 and ticket sales £631- best ever takings. Hire of piano, wine buying and programme printing costs not yet subtracted.

Craft and Fashion Fair: Not all money in yet but donations to the Festival charities will be over £300 – excellent, particularly because of the tricky weather. Thank you.

Film Show: £104

Gardens: £665 + £50 kindly donated by Virginia Powell from sale of 1991 etching/aquatint of the allotments.

Teas: £309

Barbecue: expenses not in yet.

Donations: Final figures will be presented at next meeting and allocations to charities discussed. .

Thinking ahead: In next year’s publicity, propose that those unable to attend might make a donation to the Festival – our major charitable fund-raising event.

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Planning: Proposed permanent structure at end of garden of 45 Stockwell Park Road discussed, particularly in the light of heroic efforts of last 20 years to conserve, unbuilt-on, ALL gardens surrounding the allotments, thus maximizing size/scope of what is now a nature site of special importance. This application may be going to planning committee in July but date not finalized yet.

Neighbourhood Watch: Committee voted on Safer Neighbourhood future priorities, as requested by Sergeant Ross.

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Stockwell Park Road streetlight: Thank you, Isabel Clarke, for pointing out installation of incorrect style of street light. Simon Doff will write to the Council requesting this be changed to one the heritage style agreed for the conservation area.

Parking permits: Cost more or less doubling, depending on carbon footprint of car.

Lidl: Anthony had heard from Clapham Road resident Graham McKerrow that Lidl may be submitting a new planning application in July (when everyone's away?)

SPRA money raised from local householder donations:

The treasurer reported that, to date, 66 households have donated £1,050. These donations are gratefully received. It is disappointing, however, that this is 28 fewer households than last year – only about 13% of all householder in our area.

Thinking ahead: Include an envelope with next annual appeal for donations.

Thank you, Liz, for hosting this meeting.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING. Tuesday 18th September 2007 at 28 Stockwell Park Road. 7.30 pm