



**South Covington Community Action Association**  
**11-08-07 Meeting Notes**  
 (In lieu of Minutes during the absence of a Secretary for the Organization)

**Meeting opened at 7:00 and introductions were made.**

**In attendance were:**

Nancy Ray – Co Chair	Andrea Holland – Co-Chair	Ken Ray - Treasurer
George Jones	Hugh McQueary	Octavia McQueary
Jonna Parsons	Bill Wells	Larry Tichenor
Ron Rose	Shiela Hess	Mardi Fitch
Dan Kauffung	Lil Eversole	Charleen Steinborn
Kerry Holtman	Amy Andrews	Lisa Placke
Kate Wesseler	Dennis Wesseler	Sara Wesseler
Jenni Wiehe	Suzann Gettys – Ombudsman	Ken Shirley – Guest Speaker
Ofcr. Jim Isaacs, Cov. PD		

**Secretary's Report: Nancy Ray**  
 Minutes were accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report: Ken Ray**  
 Account Balance: \$390.37

**Police Community Council Meeting: Jonna Parsons and Nancy Ray**  
 The Officers want to know where the vacant and rehabbed properties are so they can find out when contractors are working and during what hours. If individuals are present at other times, phone calls should be placed to the PD for that activity to be checked out. Burglaries are occurring from unlocked door and windows on homes and items not being placed in the truck or out of sight in cars. "Police Explorer" program is for youths 14 yo and freshmen in high school to learn about police procedures and interact with Officers. The PD would like to see these participants go onto a career in the police. There will be no November meeting due to Thanksgiving. December 19<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting.

**Executive Committee:** A secretary is still needed for the Association.

**Guest Speaker: Ken Shirley Civilian Housing Inspector/ Housing Officer**  
 The city has initiated "nuisance laws" to eliminate criminal activity. This covers prostitution, disorderly conduct, gambling and drug activity. Mr. Shirley has had 2000 cases in the 5 years he has held this position and has not lost a case to date in evicting a tenant. It is harder to evict when a property is owner occupied. A repeat offender can have a \$20, 000 lien placed on a home. Mr. Shirley is part of the Crime Suppression Unit. He is very active in HUD (Section 8) properties in with criminal investigations. The violators only have one chance and then are kicked out of the Section 8 residences permanently. Landlords must be educated to prevent criminal activity. They are encouraged to install motion lights, have no shrubs close to the doors & windows and light up the property as much as possible. If anyone sees "tagged" property or signs please take a picture of it and send it to Mr. Shirley. We do have a Gang Officer within the Covington PD. The east side of Covington has the Blood Gangs and the west side has the Crypts. Our code enforcement officer is Rob Wheeler and he can be reached at 292-2323. The goal is to remove the criminal element out of neighborhoods. There is a "criminal trespass authorization letter" that will give protection to the homeowner on homes or property that is not currently occupied. This would protect against

trespassing and Mr. Shirley encourages owners to place an inexpensive "no trespassing" sign in the front window that can be seen from the street.

**Officer Dennis Wessler:** he has noticed numerous homes that are leaving their garage doors open all night on Crystal Lake. Everyone needs to make commitment to keep their garage doors closed.

**Officer James Isaacs:** We have had many teens walking the sub due to being suspended from Scott HS. The PD is trying to have a daytime curfew implemented. Also if someone is going to be out of town due to the holidays or vacation please let the PD know this. The Officers can do a "vacation house check" to make sure the residence is secure.

**Comments from the chair: Nancy Ray**

We would like to adopt Hands Pike and have regular clean ups done by the Association. There will be signs placed at the top and bottom of the hill stating the SCCAA has adopted Kentucky Highway #1501. The cans that are collected Nancy will take to be recycled to add monies to our Association account. We are still checking into having a meeting microphone. We will begin collecting family Association annual dues as of January 2008 will be \$5.00 per family and \$20.00 per business. Lt. Cross stated that painted fire plugs must be painted bright (no dark colors, black or white) and please do not paint over the bright tape that is on the plug. The fire house coat drive goes through Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. The State and Public Works have installed "no littering" signs on Hands Pike and in the Lakewood Hills subdivision. We are still in need of "COP" volunteers which involves 2 nights of classes with Capt. Bryan Allen. Make sure all non-working street lights are called in for repair. A letter has been sent out to District Court Judges for a request as a guest speaker. Hands Pike hill was thoroughly cleaned 11-8-07 by the State. At our December Holiday Gathering, Senator Jack Westwood will be in attendance, thanks to Lisa Placke.

**Next SCCAA Meeting: December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM** will be our Holiday Gathering.

**January 10, 2008** our Guest Speaker will be Jenni Wiehe, Cabinet for Health and Family Services at 7:00 PM at the Hands Pike Firehouse.

Don't forget to check out the **SCCAA Website** <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/covingtonky/scov/>