

ASSOCIATION

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right before your eyes. But God is blessing us back even in our loss," Caldwell said.

This was the fifth annual fellowship dinner held by the association.

"This is one of the benefits of membership in the association," Strait said. There are 88 homes in the neighborhood, and Strait would like to see all of the homeowners join the association. The motto of the association is "The way to have a good neighbor is to be one."

The association has a newsletter and a directory where they publish various events that the association sponsors. Some of the events the association has sponsored include the annual spring picnic, home fire safety program, estate planning and tax preparation, crime prevention/awareness

workshop, lawn care and landscaping, area vacation spots and how to pack session, and the neighborhood directory.

The association also sponsors a fall carnival on Oct. 31 to provide safe activities for children such as a costume contest, cake walk, pinata bust, and active games.

At the supper, LeAnn Pegram of the Winston-Salem City County Planning Board shared information about historic resources around the city. She showed slides of various areas that have been designated as locally zoned historic districts. The planning board meets to vote on these designations regularly.

The association's newsletter recently paid honor to Fred Terry, who was elected to the Board of Aldermen last year for the Southeast Ward. Terry and his family are members of the association.

Terry also spoke at the supper meeting,

encouraging the homeowners to continue to be good neighbors. He recalled a time when most homes were built with porches. People would often stop by and sit on the porch to visit and chat.

"But now, our neighborhoods do not have porches, and people drive by quickly," he said. He said that this kind of fast paced lifestyle can be a barrier to good neighborly relations.

Strait is proud to serve a community as "close-knit and civic-minded as Reynolds Forest." He believes that it is important for the community to work together to ensure that their property values are maintained and that the community remains an attractive place to live and raise families.

Other officers of the association are Troy Gentry, vice president, Dorothy Moore, secretary, Earlene Reid, assistant secretary, Dr. Lee Stackhouse, treasurer,



Officers of the Reynolds Forest Neighborhood Association include (left to right) Troy Gentry, vice president, Ed Strait, president, Dorothy Moore, secretary, Dr. Lee Stackhouse, treasurer. Not pictured Earlene Reid, assistant secretary, and



Baseball authority member Mike Diamond, right, talks with Mike Solomon of Baseball Yes outside of the Camden Yards stadium.

BASEBALL

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said they were not opposed to the tax issue. However, if it were up to some people, there would be another two decades before another Major League game comes here again.

"Citizens should not vote public subsidies for millionaire owners and millionaire players," said Winston-Salem Alderman Vernon Robinson.

Robinson was one of 16 protesters on Deacon Blvd. who were picketing against the prospects of Major League baseball coming to the triad area.

"Enjoy the game, vote against the tax," is what Robinson told ticket holders as they passed by. The protesters have nothing against the team (possibly the Minnesota Twins) coming here. Many think the game of baseball is good. They just have a problem with the baggage that must come along with the team.

That baggage is a tax that will be used to fund the building of a stadium for the team.

"This (tax money) will just be

the first rip off, the second rip off will be a couple of years later when they say 'either you build another stadium with more box seats or we're gonna walk' just like the (Charlotte) Hornets are threatening to do," stated Robinson.

"You may have to build roads like that (using tax money), you may have to build schools like that ... we don't need to take people's arms for a millionaire stadium. The folks who are having the party should pay for the party."

Donald C. Beaver, the Chief Executive Officer of N.C. Major League Baseball, says that the people in this area should not drop the ball on this opportunity to get a team.

"It's the one big chance that the Triad has to have something big happen (around here)," said Beaver.

Beaver reiterated the benefits that a Major League team could bring in this area. More businesses will come in, bringing in more jobs and revenue for the community. He believes everyone will get a piece of the action.

Even African Americans will be benefactors of the team's arrival. Beaver guaranteed it when he

signed a covenant stating certain good and services that the African American community will receive if the May fifth vote is 'yes' and the team indeed comes to the Triad.

Another issue that has come up deals with the land that it is to be used to build the stadium. The stadium will be built on the Forsyth and Guilford County line in Kernersville and some people worry that they will lose their homes because of this.

African Americans who attended the game were upbeat about the prospect of a team coming, even with the controversial issues floating around.

"I like the idea of this area even being considered for a Major League baseball team. It's almost unreal to even think of it, a Winston-Salem, a Greensboro, a Kernersville (will) compete in a market with the Cincinnati, the New Yorks and the Chicagos," said Harold Easter, a resident of Winston-Salem for over 50 years.

"When you think about it, that's big (and) if we could get one without throwing out all of our heart and money to the game, then I would love to see that particular vision."

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PERSONNEL

- Hiring of at least one Senior Staff member
- Employment at all levels of the organizations to reflect the communities' percentage

PURCHASE/CONCESSION

- Develop a minority Acquisition Program
- Generate a list of small businesses in the community for major suppliers
- Provide opportunities for vendor/concession participation

MEDIA/MARKETING

- Develop an Advertising Program with radio station
- Create advertising and promotional programs with newspapers
- Employ Public Relations and Advertising firms to assist in creating outreach programs

CONTRIBUTIONS

- Identify and support monetary programs for activities to enhance and enrich the community with particular emphasis on Little League Sports Activities

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- Include Legal community in conducting the legal matters of the organization
- Consult with and employ Accountant services
- Employ consultants in services or opportunities where you solicit outside support
- Employ small contractors such as painting, window washing, cleaning, lawn service and other support services

MISCELLANEOUS

- Minority participation in all other service and programs not mentioned above

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