

## Community Relations

### Committee minutes

March 6, 2012

Meeting was brought to order at 1:00 pm.

Committee member's present: John Williams, Ann Thoreson, Sheila Wallace, Janis Jenkins, Sophia Platt, Jan Richardson, and Kirby Smith. (Special guest-Gil Gonzalez)

Absent: Valerie Harrison.

311<sup>th</sup>-The County still needs to come and OK the project at the 311<sup>th</sup> Street bridge because it's in the right of way. The County has been delayed getting here due to cutbacks; they are now down to nine county workers for the entire County.

Spring Planting-It was decided to have the spring planting at 306<sup>th</sup> Veterans Park on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. The topic will be deer resistant plants and succulents. Ideas brought forth were: rhodies, azaleas, rosemary, lavender, and heather. George Miller agreed to be the photographer for the event.

Fishing Derby-The fish should be arriving the first of May for planting the Canal. It looks like we will be getting Bluegill and Channel Catfish. Karen Gove will be chairing the committee again this year.

Chili Feed-Ann will call Rachel Lake about getting the High School band to play at the Chili Feed again this year. The Chili Feed proceeds will benefit the Back Pack Program. We need people to cook chili.

CERT Training-John and Ann are now fully CERT trained. They are the first line of defense in keeping a community together in the aftermath of a catastrophe. They hold the community together until the professional help can arrive.

The community relations group decided to take a trip down to the west side of the 306<sup>th</sup> Veterans Park to discuss plantings and flowerbeds after today's meeting.

Ham Radio-Ann would like to see Surfside purchase a HAM radio, to be used in the event of an emergency.

Next meeting- April 3, 2012