

# **Woodmont Civic Association**

## **Quarterly Meeting: January 15, 2009 Woodmont Center**

The January 15, 2009 meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Sharon Rogers.

Carolyn Hottenstein, Co-Chair of the Friends of Woodmont, provided an overview of the various Woodmont Center uses, information on the Friends of Woodmont organization, and an introduction to the Woodmont Community Service Center disabled adult day care program. She then briefed the Civic Association on the Friends of Woodmont's involvement in the current driveway restoration project. Members of the Civic Association expressed their interest in ensuring improvement of the playground, track, soccer facilities and woodland trail as part of the renovation. Alise Troester was nominated and approved to represent the Woodmont Civic Association in coordinating with the County and Friends of Woodmont on the center improvement project.

The October 2008 meeting minutes were accepted as submitted. The Treasurer reported having already received 21 household renewals for 2009, an unusually high number just two weeks into the year. She further reported cash on hand of approximately \$2,625.

As the first order of new business, the President raised concerns over possible county budget cuts, including the potential reduction or elimination of leaf collection. She suggested interested individuals contact the county board to elicit information and voice their views.

The Association next turned to the abandoned roundabout on 25<sup>th</sup> Street. Alise Troester was recognized to explain the county's process for roundabout planting and maintenance, which is minimal. Following initial construction and planting, it is left to the community to maintain or improve the greenspace. As the 25<sup>th</sup> Street circle has been neglected for many years, the county has agreed to remove the existing overgrown vegetation with the understanding the neighborhood will be responsible for re-planting and long term maintenance. The Woodmont Civic Association voted to provide \$75 toward the purchase of a Crape Myrtle for the new planting with the agreement that the 25<sup>th</sup> Street neighbors will complete further plantings and maintain the circle.

The final business was a discussion of a possible community event. Ideas included a celebration of the re-opening of the Woodmont Center, a picnic at Ft. C.F. Smith, or the encouragement of block parties to strengthen neighborhood links. The Association voted to support the block parties concept and will publicize the availability of small Association grants to help fund the gatherings this summer.

Finally, the Cedars' representative noted that facility's annual Easter egg hunt and welcomed community participation. It was agreed that an announcement of the event will be included in the next association newsletter.

At 8:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.