

# Daniell Heights Residents Council

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## Meeting Minutes

General Meeting

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

6:30 p.m.; Community Room

### I. REPORTS

#### a. **President's report:** Punam

- I would like to thank everybody who helped with this month events.
- Two people from the Keweenaw Family Resource Center will do Sleepy Time Story Hour for Daniell Heights Kids up to 5 years old.

#### b. **Community Ethnic Aide Report:** Lakshmi

- Presentation about Russia was successful. We had a Power Point Presentation made by Wellesley Pereira and a DVD movie. About 40 people attended.
- International Food Festival was extremely successful. 15 people cooked and about 140 residents came to taste food from all over the world.
- This month we celebrate the Indian culture. We will watch a movie about the Taj Mahal on October 18 from 7 to 8 pm.
- We have 100 free movie tickets for October 13. The movie is Ratatouille. It will be shown in Fisher Hall at 6 pm. Sign up in the office if you are interested. The event is sponsored by DHRC.
- We will have an Adult Halloween party on Monday, October 29 from 7 to 9 pm.

#### c. **Community Assistants' Reports:**

Bharat: It is nice and quiet except I had two issues: one is about noise – it should stop at 10 o'clock during the work days and at 11 during the weekend. The other issue is that we have new parking decals so if you didn't do this yet, please remove your old parking decal from the right bottom corner from your front car window and put the new sticker. Tickets issued after October 1.

I have suggestion about the DHRC meeting minutes – it will be good if we put them on the DHRC web page.

Clara: I also want to remind for parking decals. The other thing is about laundry: After 10 pm you cannot do laundry or use the dryer because of the quiet hours that start at this time.

Daniel: No major problems. I just want to mention: don't dispose of garbage in your kitchen sink. Also some minor parking issues.

#### d. **Treasurer's report:** Abhishek

(See attachment)

#### e. **Sport equipment manager's report:** Nick

We bought racquetball racquets, new volleyballs, and a new soccer ball.

### II. FINISHED BUSINESS

f. **Russian Culture of the month presentation:** Lakshmi reported about it.

g. **International Food Fest:** Lakshmi reported about it.

h. **Parade of Nations:**

i. **Fall color Cruise:**

**III. ON-GOING BUSINESS**

j. **Garden wrap-up Report:**

- Outside gardening was very successful.
- Many DH residents asked about a garden plot in the Lower Heights.

Jim: We are considering making a garden in Lower Heights area and we are looking for a good spot. We examined a plot but there are lots of trees and the place is not as sunny as it should be. If you have suggestions or ideas, please let us know.

- k. **Yoga class:** There are yoga classes every Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. Classes are free and they take place in the Activity room.  
Suggestion: Put Irina's contact info online.
- l. **Volleyball:** We moved the games from DH to SDC. We play every Wednesday at 6 pm. There is an e-mail list for those who are interested. [dhvolleyball-l@mtu.edu](mailto:dhvolleyball-l@mtu.edu)  
You can sign up.
- m. **Playgroup:** We have done the kids playgroup for a couple of years. I asked for somebody to be in charge and I received e-mails from Kari, Abby and Tricia.  
Kari and Abby: Playgroup will be every Wednesday from 10 to 11:30 at the Activity room. We need floor covering – probably a big rug.  
Jim: Come on in and see me I will help you out with this.
- n. **Lower Heights' playground:** Some residents want more equipment in the Lower Heights.  
Jim: There are two playgrounds in Lower Heights and one of them is filled with equipment. If you feel that the other one needs more equipment, please stop by the office and I will see what we might do for the next summer.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- o. **Free winter clothing drive:** It will be on October 13 from 10 am to 12. We are collecting donations from everyone in the office. Clothes are free for all Daniell Heights residents. Volunteers are welcome.
- p. **Play group:** Already covered
- q. **Children and Adult's Halloween Party:**  
Lakshmi talked about Adult Halloween Party already.  
Kid's Halloween Party will be on October 27 from 10 am to noon. Mariana and Daniel are in charge. Volunteers are welcome.  
Jim: The same day, October 27 is Safe House. This is Trick-or-treat tradition in the residence halls. It is from 5 to 7 pm.
- r. **Pumpkin Farm Tour:** We will go to a farm that is on the Airport road from Dollar Bay. We could have barbeque there. It is good to do this early October. Punam will send e-mail with more information.  
Kari: Might be good idea is to give instructions and whoever is interested to go there. There inflatable might be available if weather permits.
- s. **Culture of the month:** India – Lakshmi covered it.
- t. **Hay Ride:** Next week the preschool is having a Hay Ride twice in a day – once in the morning and once at the afternoon for the two different groups. The same day

from 4:30 to 5:30 we will have a Hay Ride for all Daniel Heights residents, (weather permitting) and anybody can come. Watch for the e-mail announcing with the exact date.

- u. **November Shopping Trip:** We do this trip every year usually the week before Thanksgivings. Our options are Marquette, Duluth, Green Bay and Appleton. We have \$600 in our budget for this trip. All trips are one day trips. The trip to Marquette can be free for the residents. After discussion the date tentative was set for November 24. The majority at the meeting preferred Appleton. We will send an email to see if we can get 50 people to sign up at \$12 a ticket paid in advance.

**V. JIM'S JESTS – Jim:**

- There is a computer software called “Kurzweil Reader”. It pronounces words and it can help international students speak better English. I am looking into getting it through ELI. We would need to identify a place to set up a computer.
- The Christmas craft bazaar is the first Saturday of December. This will be the 37<sup>th</sup> year. We raise over a thousand dollars each year for charities. To make this event successful we need many volunteers for three different things – we need people to do a mailing to the crafters, we need somebody to do advertising, to make posters, put them in different places and to put an ad in the newspaper, and we need people to help with set up.
- We are making a new orientation DVD. The pictures will be made on Thursday from 9:30 to 11 am and we need people to be in those pictures.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next meeting: November 6 @ 6:30 pm in the Community room

## **Treasurer report for DHRC meeting on October 2, 2007**

Prepared by: Abhishek Prasad

### **Activities:**

- **Switched to double signature cheques ( Now both the treasurer and Jim would sign on the cheques)**
- **Transferred \$1000 from savings to checking account**
- **Received a notice from IRS about filing an annual electronic notice**

### **Accounts Balance on October 2, 2007:**

1. Checking Account : \$ 1466.40
2. Savings Account: \$ 2150.98
3. CRSS Account : \$ 1051.25

### **Expenses in September:**

1. New double signature cheques ordered: \$ 62.42 – paid at bank
2. Refreshments for Sept. DHRC meeting : \$ 48.60 - Cheque made for Sanjeev
3. DHRC Officers pay : \$ 130.00 - Cheques made
4. Kayak Manager ( Sports Equip. Manager) pay : \$ 25.00 - Cheque made for Nick
5. Air pump purchased by nick : \$ 8.78 - Cheque made for Nick
6. Photocopy paper purchased by Punam: \$ 4.49 - Cheque made for Punam
7. Treasurers pay for past 5 months: \$ 150.00 - Cheque made for self
8. Kayak Day & BBQ : \$ 222.58 - Cheque made for Trisha (paper receipts awaited)
9. International food festival : \$ 200.00 -Cheque made for Lakshmi (paper receipts awaited)
10. Keweenaw cruise: \$ 150.00 - cash withdrawn at bank and given to Archana

### **Yet to be paid:**

1. Fall Picnic : Amount allocated - \$ 450