

Minutes of July 9, 2009 Rental Housing meeting

"Pig Roast": We need to know who sponsors it.

The committee has requested the owner of 990 and 991 Dana and his tenants to meet with the neighbors most impacted and hear the neighborhood's concerns in regard to their having the "Pig Roast" there. There has been no response. We interpret this dismissive attitude as believing that the offense can be forgotten as soon as the anger has subsided. We are expected to believe this will never happen again - that a lesson has been learned. Experience has taught us otherwise.

We are wondering how we should welcome this year's student residents. Some past suggestions have been to invite them to a neighborhood get together with food. A year ago neighbors greeted the residents of the above houses and offered support. We passed out flyers about safety, the parties, and being good neighbors. We saw improvement until the "Pig Roast" episode. Now we are wondering about what efforts we want to make this year. We have decided to again greet the students by meeting them and passing out flyers that have helpful information.

We have been made aware of frequent parties at 3901 Reading Road. We have been frustrated in all our efforts to contact the owner. If you have that information please share it with us. Our past experience with these problems has shown that until the neighbors address the issue the problems get worse. It is like all problem behaviors, silence is interpreted as approval. This committee is willing to help the neighbors deal with it and we can speak for the neighborhood as a NANA committee. We need information written down as to date and time, the problem observed, police called and any resolution.

The letters have gone out to the owners of properties on Dana from Victory Parkway to Reading Road. Some responses have been received.

We reviewed the June minutes and with some changes plan to have them available on the NANA website.

In August we will take part in another meeting of the Xavier Neighborhood Advisory Board and continue a coordinated effort in regard to off-campus housing.

The August NANA Rental Housing committee meeting will be on Thursday, August 6th at 1:30 PM at District 4.