

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, it was agreed that a newsletter should be published to acquaint the membership with a brief history of their Association and what it has accomplished since its inception.

On Friday, June 15, 1945, a group of friendly neighbors met at the home of Orin T. Seller and, with the assistance of Albert E. Jamieson, organized what is now the Woodland Park Improvement Association. At this meeting, officers were elected and John D. Harrison became the first President.

On July 9, 1945, a meeting was held at which Block Directors were appointed, an attorney was engaged and a committee appointed to draw up a constitution. At this meeting, a resolution was adopted requesting that the Association restrain the Wetmore Service from using residential or public property for parking wrecks and disposing of rubbish. Also, that we protest against the use of the City streets for testing cars and busses, and that proper parking space be provided for employees. A permanent injunction was granted by the Court, restricting the use of the lot in question to residential purposes.

In August, a general meeting, to which the entire membership was invited, was held at Roosevelt School. Mr. Arthur E. Kuhn of Pleasant Ridge, presented interesting facts and figures regarding the proposed airport and President Harrison spoke in opposition to its being located in the Northwest section. The Association voted to go on record as being opposed to its erection.

The September meeting was addressed by Mr. John E. Green, President of the Huntington Woods Association, who spoke against the airport. The Board later voted moral and financial support to the Wayne-Oakland Civic Associations in the fight against the airport. The future airport will be located officially at the Willow Run or Wayne location, as the Northwest location has been declared by experts to be unsatisfactory.

A general membership meeting was held at Roosevelt School on March 11, 1946, and President Harrison and other officers were re-elected.

The general membership meeting is held once a year for the purpose of electing officers. The Board of Directors meets on the second Monday of each month to transact any business at hand.

During the past two years, your Association has been active in your behalf and has accomplished the following:

1. Prevented the sale of a rooming and boarding house as such. The property was later sold as a residence.
2. Stopped manufacturing in a private garage connected with a home.
3. Prevented the use of a private garage as a repair shop.
4. Protested the use of the Woodward Avenue Parkway for public parking after the removal of the street car tracks.
5. Requested better lighting for residential districts and have been assured of more lights with higher voltage to be placed where needed most.
6. Successfully protested the use of the vacant land on the North side of West Oakridge as a park with tables and benches. This plot has since been cleaned of all underbrush and mowed. Additional shrubbery will be added at a future date and the natural beauty preserved.

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7. Approved and recommended the installation of parking meters to help meet the increased cost of government.
8. Protested against metal bumping and repair work after hours and Sunday's at the garage at Oakridge, West, and Woodward. Hours now limited to 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM on weekdays, only.
9. Protested driving cars in and out of lot at Woodward and Drayton, over the sidewalk. Barricades have been placed and cars must use the alley.
10. Your Association is now a member of the Ferndale Civic Committee, a group composed of other subdivisions. This strengthens our position in civic affairs.

The annual dues of one dollar per year are now payable and the Director in your block will gladly accept payment.

Any violation of the restrictions in your neighborhood should be reported to your Director. He will see that it reaches the proper authorities.

Your present officers are as follows:

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| | President: | T. A. Fitzsimmons |
| First Vice | President: | Geoffrey K. Vickers |
| Second Vice | President: | Chas. M. Carson |
| | Secretary: | Leonard Keller |
| | Treasurer: | Harold McMenemy |

The above-listed protests were made from a standpoint of civic pride to protect the investment we have in our homes and without personal rancor. We are grateful for your support in helping to make Ferndale a better place to live.

Your Board of Directors,

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