



**Dana Estates Neighborhood Alliance**  
**Minutes of General Meeting**  
**December 12, 2007**  
**Concord Permit Center Conference Room**



The meeting, held in the Concord Permit Center Conference Room, was called to order by Chair Phil Schafer at 6:40 p.m. Copies of the agenda and previous minutes were available.

1. **Introductions** – Phil Schafer introduced current Board members present: Doreen Schwynoch, secretary; Area Representatives Bob Barnes, Kaffy Cecil, and Jerry Curtis. New Board members Celeste McCullough and Colleen Geraghty were also introduced. Approximately 20 people attended. Phil also introduced Detective Matthew Cain of the Concord Police Department.
2. **Agenda Review** – One attendee would like to have a stop sign on Larkspur at Lynwood; apparently there once was a stop sign there, but it's been missing for many years.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Summarized by Phil Schafer in the absence of Ricki Schafer, Interim Treasurer. Current Banking Summary and Net Worth Statement were available for review.
4. **Web Page Update** – Suzi Peek, Webmaster, was not present to report.
5. **Meet the 2008 DENA Board Members** – Members continuing include Phil Schafer, Chair; Holly Belknap, Vice Chair; Doreen Schwynoch, Secretary; Bob Barnes, Area 1 Representative; and Kaffy Cecil, who moves from representing Area 4 to Area 5. New members are: Jeanette Mashore, Area 2 Rep; Colleen Geraghty, Area 3 Rep, and Celeste McCullough, Area 4 Rep.
6. **DENA Community Watch Program** – Phil Schafer distributed small note pads in which citizens may record incidents of reckless driving and/or crime in the neighborhood. The inside cover notes what information will be helpful to the Concord Police Department. Although citations cannot be issued based on such information (an Officer must *witness* the infraction), letters of notice will be sent from the CPD to owners of offending vehicles. Citizens reporting the incidents will *not* be identified to offenders. Of particular concern are motorists who fail to stop for pedestrians and/or stop signs, as well as speeders. The intent is to keep the neighborhood a safe and great place to live.
7. **Identity Loss Prevention** – Detective Matthew Cain, a member of the CPD's Financial Crimes Unit since 1998, defined ID theft as the unauthorized use of personal information to commit fraud. Some of the many ways this is accomplished include "skimming" to obtain information; fishing, such as the "Nigerian" scam and lotto scams from Canada – both of which require the "beneficiary" to pay a tax; elder abuse through theft of money and other assets; and a relative new area of real estate fraud. Detective Cain suggested putting a "fraud alert" on one's credit information through the credit reporting companies. Detective Cain spoke of being the victim of ID theft himself and the lengthy process of recovering from it.
8. **Other Agenda Items** – Concord's free WiFi network was briefly discussed. Some individuals present report having used it, but note that it seemed somewhat slow and relatively close proximity to a transmitter is essential.
9. **Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Doreen Schwynoch, Secretary*