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MIDTOWN PROPERTY REAPPRAISED

May mail brought bad news to many Memphis mail boxes when Assessor William Boyd sent reassessment notices to local property owners.

The notices did not set taxes but informed owners of the current appraised value of their property. This is the first reappraisal since 1965. According to the Assessor's office, a team of appraisers measured the square footage of each residence (from the outside) and appraised each structure on condition, square footage and the current market value of similar structures in the neighborhood.

"The older areas of the city will be hit the hardest," said Marlin Mosby, city finance director. "Some people will see their appraisals jumping from \$15,000 to \$30,000 and even \$60,000."

Figures released during the first day of the City Council hearings showed that total residential assessments (25% of the appraised value) in Ward 16 — Midtown — increased from \$4,159,250 to almost \$13,000,000.

Property is not appraised at the time of sale, hence homes in this area have not been reappraised for tax purposes since 1965 whether or not they have been sold.

Under state law, city and county governments must drop the tax rate after reappraisal where they will receive roughly the same total amount they received before reappraisal. The rate can be increased after public hearings, and both the city and county appear headed in that direction.

For more information on your appraisal, call the Assessor's office at 528-3220.

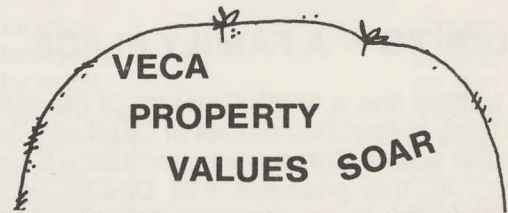
By Dorinda Smith

VECA NEWS

The VECA Executive Committee's regular monthly meeting was held April 15th at 7:30 P.M. at Lindsay Memorial Presbyterian Church. After informal introductions of the dozen area residents present, VECA President Tom Kepple (272-9571) led the group in discussion of the following items:

1. President Tom Kepple proposed that downzoning of property in the V/E area and expansion of VECA membership be the two main project priorities during the coming year. Tom stated that he will work closely with the co-chairmen of the downzoning committee, Joe Hough (274-5551) and Art Knighton (276-0946), to

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VECA residents are well aware of the benefits of living in our midtown neighborhood, and recent housing sale prices in the V/E area reflect its increasing popularity. The following are examples of sales prices of homes sold in the VECA area in about the last two years. All are single family or duplex homes. Block numbers, rather than specific addresses, are used for the sake of the owners' privacy, although this information is a matter of public record.



Block	Street	Price
600	Auburndale	\$40,000
700	Auburndale	41,665
800	Auburndale	44,500
900	Auburndale	46,000
1600	Autumn	55,000
1700	Autumn	72,000
1800	Autumn	97,000
1900	Autumn	75,200
300	Avalon	45,050
400	Avalon	41,000
600	Avalon	49,000
700	Avalon	49,707
800	Avalon	45,000
900	Avalon	35,000
1000	Avalon	32,000
800	Barksdale	35,650
900	Barksdale	51,500
1000	Barksdale	39,500
700	Belvedere	43,000
800	Belvedere	42,000
900	Belvedere	30,000
500	Center	110,000

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DINO'S — A FAMILY PLACE

Wine bottles line a shelf. Clusters of grapes and peppers hang below. Two murals of Capri and Venice are on either wall. A sign announces "Italian Sausage for \$1.99." All this promises that DINO'S SOUTH-WESTERN GRILL is an authentic Italian restaurant. And it is, but with an added surprise — great home-cooked, southern-style meals.

The old Southwestern Grill, owned by John Semos, had been around for about 20 years. In 1973, Dino and son Rudy Grisanti left their downtown restaurant, the State Cafe, bought the Grill, tacked "Dino's" to the name and have been serving up southern and Italian food ever since.

It has always been a family business. Dino went to work for his stepfather, Frank Berneditti, right after World War II at the cafe. Rudy now works with his dad, and there are younger Grisantis, Dino Vincent, 4, and Mario Anthony, 5 months, waiting in the wings. "The Grisanti women help out too," says Rudy. "Both my mother Madeline and wife Sue lend a hand a lot."

The restaurant has a family atmosphere too. "We want a restaurant that everybody — parents and children, the elderly, single people, students, businessmen, professors — can come to and feel comfortable," explains Rudy. They have achieved just that.

Most of the time there is a line waiting to be seated. In that line are jeans, coats and ties, high heels, and T shirts. Everybody enjoys everybody else; strangers invite each other to share tables when the line gets long; people greet old acquaintances resulting in a general atmosphere of neighborliness and friendliness.

All the people who work at Dino's are part of that friendly feeling. Cashier Jewell Davidson always has a greeting. The waitresses, Reмония Aiken, Jane Avaritt, Pat Bird, Bobbie Jean Boyett, Betty Collier, Vera Lynch, Cardina Marina (Madeline Grisanti's sister), Betty Paletskie and Trina Scott, are fast and

efficient. Head cook, Sue Willie Britton, along with Bessie Clark, Margie West and Clara Johnson, short order cooks, and cook's helper Frankie Montgomery produce the southern fare. (Dino and Rudy do most of the Italian dishes — the raviolis and spaghetties)

Rubie Anderson, Fannie Walker, Pam Isom and Alberta Hill are the dishwashers, but as Rudy says, "they do lots of other things too."

It all adds up to the fact that Dino's has something for everybody, from fried chicken to chicken ravioli, from country fried steak to veal parmegiani, from pinto beans to bacon and eggs. Come as you are, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays, and have a fantastic meal at a reasonable price.

By Tina Egge

NEWS BRIEFS

Evergreen Presbyterian Church will sponsor a day camp for children in grades 1-3 August 4-8 and grades 4-6 August 11-15. The camp will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church at 613 University and will include field trips, crafts, recreation and games. The \$10 fee (per week) also provides a T shirt. For more information and to register call Janie Deupree at 278-4430.

If you like the zoo and you like animals, ZAP just might be the place for you. The Zoo Action Program is a volunteer organization which helps out around the zoo by encouraging people to treat the zoo animals with respect. They try to stop abuse by selling food — the right kind — for visitors to feed the animals. ZAP volunteers also aid in keeping the zoo clean and attractive. For more information or to volunteer, call 725-4768.

Brad McMillan is hosting his third annual Home/Studio Exhibit and sale at 1906 Mignon on Sunday, June 15 between 2 and 7 p.m. This year's show will feature a different style for McMillan, a mixed media of oil, pastel, pen and ink, etc. and will have between 50 and 75, 1980 originals.

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1900 Crump	38,000	800 Kensington	37,500
700 Cypress	65,000	900 Kensington	50,500
300 Dickinson	42,452	1800 Lyndale	45,000
400 Dickinson	49,500	1900 Lyndale	49,435
600 Dickinson	44,000	600 Maury	35,000
700 Dickinson	39,500	700 Maury	38,000
800 Dickinson	38,500	800 Maury	48,000
900 Dickinson	33,500	1000 Maury	30,000
600 East	108,000	400 McLean	80,038
700 East	81,315	600 McLean	35,000
900 East	48,500	700 McLean	34,000
700 Evergreen	62,500	900 McLean	59,000
800 Evergreen	34,500	400 McNeil	61,500
900 Evergreen	32,300	500 McNeil	55,000
1000 Evergreen	38,400	700 McNeil	34,000
1400 Faxon	36,500	800 McNeil	30,500
1500 Faxon	38,975	900 McNeil	27,000
1600 Faxon	36,000	1000 E. Michelle	35,500
1700 Faxon	42,500	1800 Mignon	37,061
1500 Forrest	48,500	1900 Mignon	37,250
1600 Forrest	71,000	1800 Monticello	37,000
1700 Forrest	80,000	1500 N. Parkway	93,000
1800 Forrest	75,000	1600 N. Parkway	50,000
1600 Galloway	58,700	1700 N. Parkway	65,000
1700 Galloway	56,100	1800 N. Parkway	33,500
400 Garland	50,000	900 Oakmont Pl.	42,500
1000 Garland	36,500	1600 Overton Pk.	69,500
2000 Hallwood	73,000	1800 Overton Pk.	80,000
700 Hawthorne	34,000	1900 Overton Pk.	92,500
800 Hawthorne	45,939	1800 S. Rainbow	64,000
900 Hawthorne	39,000	800 Sheridan	39,190
1000 Hawthorne	43,000	900 Sheridan	46,500
800 Idlewild	39,000	1000 Sheridan	35,500
1500 Jackson	50,000	1400 Snowden	29,500
1600 Jackson	35,000	1800 Snowden	41,500
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NOTE: Anyone within VECA boundaries — (W) Watkins, (S) Overton Park/I-40 right of way, (E) Trezevant/Springdale, (N) Cypress Creek (Edward) — may become a VECA member. Dues are \$2.50 per person and dues are good for one year from the date of payment.

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insure action on this important matter. Tom also reported that Vice President Tim Mashburn (274-5761) would meet with Membership Committee Chairwoman Julie Borys (272-2672) to review current membership roles and to help formulate plans to actively involve more people in our neighborhood association.

2. Martha Heinemann (274-1750) and Jan McPherson (276-4229) were appointed as VECA's new treasurer and recording secretary respectively. Jan also agreed to be hospitality chairwoman, which involves catering refreshments for all regular bi-monthly VECA general membership meetings.

3. Vollintine Courts (Saints Courts), *The Evergreen News*, and I-40 were among the other major concerns considered.

Tom Kepple and Ann Moore explained Gwen Awsumb's presentation to the City Council on March 25th concerning condemnation of Vollintine Courts.

City Council granted a 30 day extension to the owners primarily because Harold Ford had informed Ms. Awsumb that he was working closely with HUD to obtain funding. Rick Robinson (924 N. Stonewall) agreed to write a position paper analyzing the possible use of the Vollintine Courts property as a recreational facility (basketball and tennis courts) rather than low income housing as proposed by the city.

Ann Moore reported that 13 people attended the March 27th *Evergreen News* meeting to welcome Dorinda Smith (276-2933) as the new managing editor.

Frank Moore requested input on the question regarding future use of the I-40 right-of-way land which he will relay to the I-40 Corridor Committee (an independent concerned citizens group).

4. Other general business topics were suggestions for programs for upcoming VECA general membership meetings (Board of Education slide show, speaker from the city planning office, Jim Williamson's slide presentation of Southwestern's architecture, crime prevention program, Claude Pearson's program on sanitation service) and suggestions for possible social events (potluck supper and/or VECA 10th birthday picnic.)

At the conclusion of the business session, Tom Kepple presented an engraved plaque to Margaret Dichtel and thanked her in behalf of the VECA membership for her dedication and service as president for the past year.

By Ann D. Moore

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