

N2N COMMITTEE MINUTES

Time and Place: Friday, January 18, 2013 @ 7:45 a.m. City Hall Boardroom
Members Present: Sue Nowak, Dick Holster, Tom Holster, Jon Radtke
Others Present: Melissa Dotter, Yeng Vang, Mark Anesko

1) Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the 11/16/12 minutes was made by Radtke and seconded by Dick Holster. Minutes were approved.

2) East Towne District Update

The East Towne District is planning a possible Winter Activity Event. They are worried about attendance and thinking they may have to make it an indoor/outdoor activity to get participation up. Nowak will be contacting Deanna Schuette to discuss plans going forward. They may need to push it to a Spring event.

Men & Women 4 Change is a group of individuals within the East Towne Neighborhood who are partnering with the Wausau YWCA to hold "A Night at the Harlem Renaissance" event on February 16th. Flyers were distributed to the N2N Committee.

Discussion took place about the vacant house across from the community garden that the city currently owns. The city could potentially demolish the house and turn it into a park for the neighborhood. Tammy Stratz from Community Development is working through the process of possibly raising it, selling it to the neighbors on either side of the lot, or turning it into a neighborhood park. Possible funds could come from local foundations if they were contacted about the project. The Neighborhood association is looking for other space for a neighborhood park within the area if this space doesn't work.

3) Old/New Business and future agenda items

Yeng Vang introduced herself from the Hmong Heritage Committee and is looking for ways to promote the Hmong Heritage Event held on April 6, 2013. She's also looking for volunteers. She asked if it would be possible to promote this on the City website, in the City Newsletter and place posters throughout City Hall.

Melissa Dotter from Marathon County AODA Partnership Council distributed a flyer with information about a gathering they are hosting on February 5th from 11:30-1:00pm at 212 River Drive entitled "*The REAL Happy Hour*". This event is encouraging families and individuals to come out and learn more about the important role families have in taking steps to reduce substance abuse, obesity, and other risk factors.

Melissa also spoke to the committee about a "*Superheroes*" Event being held at the Jefferson Street Inn from 5-7pm on Thursday, 1/31/13. This event is open to the public and wishes to recognize those that have gone above and beyond to reduce the burden of substance abuse in the community. They will be providing Spotlight Awards to various individuals.

An agenda item for next February's meeting should be "Hmong Heritage Month Involvement". A motion was made to adjourn by Dick Holster and seconded by Tom Holster. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 15, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by:

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