



N2N COMMITTEE MINUTES

Time and Place: Friday, March 15, 2013 @ 7:45 a.m. City Hall Boardroom
Members Present: Sue Nowak, Dick Holster, Tom Holster, Jon Radtke, Mayor Tipple
Others Present: Aaron Ruff, Mark Anesko, John Prey, Melita Ray, Mike Husnick, Paul Schwantes, Kathy Strebis, Kathi Groeschel

1) Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from January 18 and February 15, 2013 was made by Radtke and seconded by Nowak. Minutes approved and placed on file.

Introductions were made.

2) AOD Partnership Presentation/Bicycle Route & Sign System

Aaron Ruff from the AOD Partnership spoke to the committee about the "PushBack Against Drug Abuse" Campaign. "Pushback" is a term that's easy to understand and can be used as a unique description of events and activities throughout our community to combat drug abuse. A summary and timeline was distributed and this ties in directly with N2N and the work neighborhoods are doing to fight drugs and crime. Various PSA's and print ads will be popping up throughout the county. AOD Partnership is reaching out to local foundations, schools, families and health care providers. May 7th will be the Kick-off.

"The Real Happy Hour" is another community collaboration to promote quality family time for a healthier community. Their goal is to establish a healthy Marathon County by promoting family time whether it be eating together, biking or hiking or unstructured playtime with parents and family members. Their 4th Annual Spring Meeting is being held at the River Drive Complex on Friday, April 19 from 7:30am-10:00 a.m.

The Marathon Planning Organization (MPO) has been working hard at developing a metropolitan bicycle route and signage project to make bicycle commuting convenient and safe. An arterial bicycle route was distributed and this will encompass seven (7) municipalities (Wausau, Rib Mountain, Schofield, Rothschild, Weston, Kronenwetter and Mosinee). As we move into the spring season, various bicycle safety signs will be seen.

3) Clean it Up, Wausau

Groeschel read minutes from the discussion that was held last year after the last event. The notes suggested that we stay away from the "Large Item Pick-up" time and offer another time in the late Summer or early Fall for this event. The Public Works Department was fine with this decision. A September 3rd or 4th weekend was suggested by committee members. This will be placed on future agendas as we move through summer.

4) Hmong Heritage Month Participation

The N2N Committee offered to participate by setting up a booth at the Kick-off event being held at Wausau West High School on Saturday morning, April 6, 2013. Groeschel will get the display board out and gather photos and pamphlets to distribute. A volunteer sign-up sheet was distributed and we will break it down from a 2-hour commitment to a 1-hour commitment. Groeschel will work on this and communicate to the committee members via email.

5) East Town District Update

Nowak reported that the Neighborhood group is pleased that the police department and landlords in the East Town area are more than willing to sit down and work together. They have invited Representative Mandy Wright to their next monthly meeting. They will hold a Community Garden Celebration in August at their community garden site. The group is talking about getting a logo and marketing campaign together and it was suggested that they contact NTC students to assist with marketing duties.

6) Old/New Business

Groeschel distributed a flyer about a FREE CLINIC that Highland Community Church is holding on Saturday, April 20th. They asked that the committee get the word out to the various neighborhood groups. Agenda items

were discussed and a motion to adjourn was made by Radtke and seconded by Holster. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
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