



N2N COMMITTEE MINUTES

Time and Place: Friday, April 19, 2013, @ 7:45 a.m. City Hall Boardroom
Members Present: Sue Nowak, Dick Holster, Tom Holster, Jon Radtke, Janet Herring, Mayor Tipple
Others Present: Ben Graham, Mark Anesko, Melinda Pauls, Paul Schwantes, Kathy Strebis, Shyanne Borchardt, Kathi Groeschel

1) Approval of Minutes

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

2) Hmong Heritage Booth Wrap-up

The Mayor thanked all the volunteers who attended the event. It's good to continually get the N2N presence out into the community and this was another opportunity to take advantage of.

3) East Town District Update

Nowak gave an update. There is a lot of activity going on in this neighborhood. They are currently working on a marketing campaign to get an East Town logo design and also talked about providing Landlords with a "Responsible Landlord" sticker to place in tenants windows. A Community Garden party is scheduled for August 10th from 11-2pm. They will have a petting zoo, scavenger hunt, architectural walk-about, music band, food and police and fire presence. This is open to the whole community.

Talk is taking place about starting a "Landlord Academy" that will have a similar structure as the current "Citizen Police Academy". They hope to get the sheriff's department involved and start this in the Fall. They would like to waive landlord fines and instead require the landlords attend the academy. The Wausau Area Apartment Association is in support of this academy and they feel it would be beneficial to put together a "Best Practices" list. The City currently has a number of volunteers available to do various projects, however, the neighborhoods need to identify specific projects and get permission from owners to go on their property to clean it up.

4) Westies Neighborhood Update

Shyanne Borchardt said Alderman Mielke has been attending their meetings. They will need assistance in October if they decide to hold a Neighborhood Clean-up. N2N suggested they hold it prior to the Leaf Pick-up that is typically scheduled during that time. Having a Clean-up prior to Leaf Pick-up will enable the volunteers to rake the brush and leaves to the curb line instead of bagging it. Groeschel will let Shyanne know when the leaf pick-up is scheduled, however, she will have to keep in mind that it may be rescheduled due to when the leaves fall.

The Westies group meets the 1st Monday of the month at 6:15 p.m. at the Salvation Army. Their membership is slowly building.

5) Old/New Business

The Ghidorzi "Green and Clean" event has been cancelled due to the snow covered ground. They are encouraging residents to clean up their neighborhoods once it starts getting nice outside and will provide gloves, garbage bags and reflective vests for those individuals wanting to clean on the weekend of May 3 and 4, 2013.

Herring suggested an "Adopt a Fence" program similar to "Adopt a Highway", where residents can clean up debris around various fences in and around the city. A lot of fences are around school playgrounds so it was suggested that we encourage the schools to do their part, which they probably do during the school year but not during the summer months when school is NOT in session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Radtke and seconded by Holster. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
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