



N2N COMMITTEE MINUTES

Time and Place: Friday, June 21, 2013, @ 7:45 a.m. City Hall Boardroom
Members Present: Sue Nowak, Tom Holster, Jon Radtke,
Others Present: Melinda Pauls, John Prey, Jennifer Jones, Melissa Dotter, Destinee Raiten, Darrel Keaton, Kathy Shuf, Kathi Groeschel

1) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Nowak to delete a sentence in the April 19, 2013 minutes that was inaccurate. The sentence is under Item 3 regarding the Landlord Academy ... *"They would like to waive landlord fines and instead require the landlords attend the academy"*. This will be deleted. A motion was made by Radtke to accept the change and approve the minutes, it was seconded by Nowak. Minutes approved and placed on file.

2) Walking to and from School Safely – Destinee Raiten

Raiten is the Health Educator for Marathon County and she came today to speak to the committee about the Walking to School Safety program she is working on. She applied and received a grant from Transform Wisconsin and has been working specifically with GD Jones Elementary School now but will be working with all the elementary schools in the Wausau School District. She distributed a summary of the recent Walk Audit they did that outlined the unsafe and safe circumstances the students and parents are dealing with. There is a perception that the neighborhood is unsafe. 71% of the 325 kids in the school are driven to school each day, even when they are in close proximity to the school. Issues that arose as being the reason that keeps a child from walking to school is, amount of traffic along the route, speed along traffic route, violence or crime and safety of intersections.

There is currently a huge problem with children being dropped off at GD Jones School. Crossing guards are available on 11th and Thomas Street; however there could be more assistance at that busy intersection. Raiten will be attending all the Neighborhood Associations to get feedback from neighbors who reside in these school areas. She will attend next month's N2N Meeting to provide another update.

3) East Town District Update

Nowak reported that Ms. Dotter presented the "Pushback Campaign" Presentation at their last meeting. The Neighborhood is working with a marketing agent on development of a logo and a tag line they unanimously liked was "Live, Walk, Work". Officer Tou attends their meetings regularly and they're pleased with the police presence. The Block Party is scheduled for August 10th from 11:00 – 1:00pm and they are looking for organizations to set up a resource booth. There will be activities for children and a Police car and Fire truck will be on show.

4) Old/New Business

Dotter provided a "Pushback Campaign" update. The next important date to remember is July 9th. There will be a second Press Conference held from 9:00am – 10:00 a.m. on the 400 Block. They are lining up guest speakers and they will talk about "What is suspicious drug activity in your neighborhood" among a number of safety and drug abuse issues. They are looking for a portable PA system. She's going to the Werle Park and Longfellow meeting to continue to bring awareness of this problem to our community. PSA's will be run on TV soon. All materials are posted on-line.

Cindy Gwidt-Scheibe indicated there are drug issues in her neighborhood and she reports what she sees. She feels strongly about being pro-active and wants to be more involved in her neighborhood. She may start up a Neighborhood Association.

Officer Pauls indicated that the "City Watch" phone line is back up and running properly. She would be willing to put notices out to the community on various neighborhood meetings.

Agenda items were discussed and a motion to adjourn was made by Nowak and seconded by Radtke. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
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