



## **N2N COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Time and Place: Friday, October 18, 2013 @ 7:45 a.m. City Hall Boardroom  
Members Present: Dick Holster, Jon Radtke, Janet Herring, Deanna Schuette, Guy Wieseler,  
Others Present: John Prey, Matt Barnes, Joleen Draxler, Deb Ryan, Cindy Gwidt-Schiede, Kathi Groeschel

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### 1) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Radtke and seconded by Holster to approve the September 20, 2013 minutes. Minutes approved and placed on file. Introductions were made.

### 2) East Towne District Update

Aaron Ruff from the Marathon County Health Department attended their last meeting. The group is smaller but still willing to meet monthly. It's Lt. Barnes's experience that if you actually walk the neighborhood and make connections that way, many individuals will attempt to complain or bring an issue to your attention. That then leads to an opportunity to invite them to a meeting to express their viewpoint and make a difference.

### 3) Forest Park Neighborhood Association

Herring attended the first organizational meeting of this group on October 3 and reported that there were about 100 residents there. It was clearly one of the largest neighborhood group meetings she has attended. The leader, Marcia Marek was well organized and had the area mapped out in quadrants and had quadrant leaders already chosen. She told residents to write their concerns down on paper rather than voice them at the meeting. They are going to hold monthly meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30pm by a suggestion from Lt. Barnes to allow for PD staffing at the meetings. This is Keene Winter's district and they are tracking all the inspections that are done in that area. It was noted that 88% of all citations are for non-contractural /foundation/safety issues, and clearly smaller concerns such as trash/junk in yard, cars on unpaved areas, etc.

### 4) Clean It Up, Wausau Event Follow-up

A handout of the Yearly Comparison's was distributed to the committee. In looking at the hours, the committee felt the 5 hours was sufficient and questioned if they extended them, would their car amount and take-in (tonnage) increase by much? They didn't think so. Schulz's Recycling and Good News Project both expressed their thanks for the opportunity to participate this year. Radtke asked if there would be any amount of money coming to the city from the recycling/scrap metal collected? Schulz's indicated that the actual weight of 1,055 lbs. of scrap metal isn't very much and no discussion of that took place with them prior to the event. Groeschel indicated that communication of incoming cash from Schulz's was overlooked early on and never brought up. This can certainly be discussed prior to next year's event.

Discussion took place regarding the time of season this event takes place. Herring asked if we should consider NOT doing the event next fall and pick it back up in the Spring of 2015? Committee members said the reason we did this in the fall this year was to give residents another opportunity in the year in addition to the Spring Large-Item Pickup event that currently takes place. Fall seems to be a good time.

### 5) Old/New Business and future agenda items

Herring said she's been invited to attend the next Werle Park Neighborhood Meeting next Thursday at the UWMC campus. This group has restarted back up with the President being Jerry Melvin and Office Pettigrew from the Police Department.

Deb Ryan gave an update on the Westies group since Shyanne Borchardt is no longer the group leader. Deb said this is a grass roots group and she has walked the area and talked to residents. A few neighbors feel scared to come out of their homes because they have seen the neighborhood change culturally. Lt Barnes indicated that it's a common problem that the older population doesn't feel connected because they have never had personal interaction with other cultures. Radtke suggested that they hold a block party to connect the neighborhood and also suggested that a huge draw at their gathering was a petting zoo.

Lt. Barnes highly recommended that neighborhood groups invite Ashlee Bishop the new Humane Officer to their meetings. She is highly experienced and has a wealth of knowledge to share regarding dogs-at-large, vicious dog ordinances, problematic animal issues, etc.

Lt. Barnes also brought up the robo-calls that many neighborhood groups are utilizing from the Police Department. He expressed that this isn't a perfect system as it goes predominantly to landlines and few cell phones. As they continue to update the system, more cell numbers will be added but stressed that neighborhood groups should not rely on this as the only communication about meeting dates and times.

A motion to adjourn was made by Herring and seconded by Radtke. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Kathi Groeschel  
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