



N2N COMMITTEE MINUTES

Time and Place: Friday, November 15, 2013 @ 7:45 a.m. City Hall Boardroom
Members Present: Dick Holster, Jon Radtke, Deanna Schuette, Guy Wieseler, Mayor Tipple
Others Present: Marie Schmidt, Deb Ryan, Peter Rotter, Jeremy Kopp, Kathi Groeschel

1) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Radtke and seconded by Holster to approve the October 18, 2013 draft minutes. Motion carried by voice vote. Vote reflects as 4-0. Minutes approved and placed on file.

2) East Towne District Update

The Group is looking at how the TLP (Transitional Living Program) works. They have been in touch with Lutheran Social Services who host the program within the Wausau and surrounding community. The Transitional living Program is funded through the Wisconsin Department of Corrections/Community Corrections. Probation and Parole agents and supervisors sometimes place offenders in TLPs because they offer closer supervision than can be provided at the offender's own residence, or simply as a more efficient way for an offender to transition back into the community.

The Neighborhood group has invited one representative from Lutheran Social Services and one representative from Probation and Parole to attend their next meeting on December 9th at 5:30pm at the Neighbor's Place.

It was noted that the group was very pleased that Officer Koua Thao attended their last meeting and he wasn't "on duty" at the time, therefore he took his own personal time to attend the meeting. They were very delighted that he came.

3) Forest Park Neighborhood Association

Marie Schmidt attended today's meeting and she brought up the concern the Forest Park Group has with a house on Parcher Street that is for sale. She questioned the N2N committee members if it would be advisable to speak to the realtor selling the property to make him/her aware that this neighborhood has a 100-strong group that is making positive changes within the area. They are looking at safety and crime prevention techniques and receiving positive input from the Wausau PD and others within the community. The committee felt taking a positive approach with the realtor would be fine, but approaching him/her from the standpoint of NOT WISHING to see specific individuals purchase this property could potentially get them into a "housing discrimination" legal issue.

Traffic issues were focused on at the last meeting and they've noticed an improvement already with individuals slowing down. They currently are meeting the 1st Thursday of each month at Forest Park Village at 6:30pm. They will provide detailed information to the City Clerk to post on the City's website.

4) Old/New Business

Mr. Peter Rotter attended the N2N Committee meeting for the first time as he is interested in starting a Neighborhood Group within the boundaries of McClellan to the Railroad tracks and 6th Street to 4th Street. An issue they are not happy with is a proposal for a digital message board sign that the Historical Society Museum wishes to put up. The neighbors were not made aware of this until now and it is going to the Planning Commission next week. There are a number of businesses that encompass this boundary and his intent is to get a Neighborhood Group together to connect the neighbors with the business owners. There are a number of smaller rental units within this area and a majority of the landlords reside in the community. It's a nice neighborhood and his experience living and doing business here is very positive.

Deb Ryan provided a brief update on the Westies Neighborhood Group. A main concern that has been successfully handled was the intersection of 4th Avenue and Callon. It is now a 4-way stop with "Stop" signs and "Dangerous Intersection" signs placed on all 4 corners due to the mis-alignment of the roadway and the fact that there is a hill that obscures vision. The Neighborhood Group is very pleased with this resolution and have

noticed that it is working very well and 90% of the people are more attentive. She asked if the N2N Committee could make sure that salt and/or sand could be placed near or on this intersection more than it has in the past due to the start and stopping of vehicles this winter. Deb has walked the neighborhood and has started a Westies facebook page which is catching on in the neighborhood.

Jeremy Kopp indicated that he and others within the Fire Department are available to attend any Neighborhood Group, if invited, to provide fire safety tips within the home.

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

Respectfully submitted by:
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