



N2N COMMITTEE MINUTES

Time and Place: Friday, January 17, 2014 @ 7:45 a.m. City Hall Boardroom
Members Present: Dick Holster, Jon Radtke, Deanna Schuette, Janet Herring
Others Present: Marie Schmidt, Dave DeSantis, Amy Forst, Mark Anesko, Kathi Groeschel

1) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Holster and seconded by Radtke to approve the November 15, 2013 draft minutes. Motion carried by voice vote. Vote reflects as 4-0. Minutes approved and placed on file.

2) Neighborhood Updates

East Towne Neighborhood – Holster provided a brief update. The group has developed a logo for their area. They recently had representatives from Lutheran Social Services and the Department of Corrections at their last meeting in December. They spoke about the TLP (Transitional Living Program) which is funded by Wisconsin Department of Corrections/Community Corrections. Overall, the information provided was very informative and educational. The group is looking at opportunities for a positive community solution and creating and keeping their neighborhood safe and free of crime. Currently, with all the media about blight, this area has the perception of being an unsafe, crime-riddled neighborhood. That perception isn't true. The TLP homes are monitored heavily and therefore, police presence is more than other neighborhoods for a good reason. The group will continue to look at the positive aspects of the neighborhood.

Forest Park Neighborhood Association - There is the perception from a few that this group needs more structure. They all need to step back and define their roles as leaders /quad leaders within their group. Priority issues need to be addressed and what one perceives as a priority may not be what another perceives as a priority. A question was asked if there are any Neighborhood Guidelines that the group could follow. Herring indicated there are no specific guidelines as each neighborhood has different issues they deal with. The priorities this group currently sees as priorities include:

- Traffic & Safety
- Plant theft
- Blight/yard clean-up
- Crime and Public Safety

They would like to have a police officer at their meetings. They will contact PD and it was suggested that some of them form a sub-committee to tackle one of the priority items. Perhaps this is too large of an area and boundaries could be scaled back (?).

Werle Park Neighborhood – There were about 10-12 people at the last meeting in November and the Mayor and the PD was present along with Council Member Mielke. There was a confrontational individual at the meeting.

4) Old/New Business

Jon Radtke and Deanna Schuette are unable to attend the next meeting in February. Herring would like the N2N group to consider taking on a project for the community. It was suggested to convene all the Neighborhood Groups together again this spring or summer to bounce ideas off each other and provide support from N2N. Perhaps Sue Nowak could be asked to provide a "Best Practices of Neighborhood Work" from her experiences.

It was suggested to place the "Clean it up, Wausau" event on the next agenda to discuss when we should hold this in 2014. At the typing of these minutes, Mr. Kevin Jaeger from Wausau Scrap and Recycling phoned the Mayor's office and would like to participate in the event this coming year. He indicated that last year his company did NOT take appliances, however, they are licensed to take appliances with Freon and would like to participate and charge a minimal fee as Schultz Recycling did this past year. He provided his contact information to keep him apprised going forward.

A motion to adjourn was made by Herring and seconded by Holster. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Kathi Groeschel, Mayor's Office, Wausau City Hall