



## **N2N COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Time and Place: Friday, May 16, 2014 @ 7:45 a.m. City Hall Boardroom  
Members Present: Jon Radtke, Janet Herring, Dick Holster, Mayor Tipple  
Others Present: Marie Schmidt, Dave DeSantis, Aaron Ruff, C J Stafford, Debra Ryan, Joan Jackson, Kathi Groeschel

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### 1) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Herring and seconded by Holster to approve the April 11, 2014 draft minutes. Motion carried by voice vote. Minutes approved and placed on file.

### 2) "Bike to work with the Mayor" event Update

The weather wasn't the best for this event but the rain held off and there were about 15 participants. Mayor Tipple provided an interview for local Channel 9 TV – WAOW and for WSPT Radio via a phone conversation. This was planned in conjunction with "National Bike and Walk to Work" week to bring awareness of bicycling in the community. Currently the city is in the process of creating more bike trails and is keenly aware when new road projects are planned, that consideration be given to bicycling signage and adjoining roadway paths. Grand Avenue is undergoing a major road over-lay project and new bike paths will be implemented. The Bike and Ped Advisory Committee will work on providing an educational component to their Bike Outreach Program.

Aaron Ruff provided the committee with an update on the success of their Bike Rodeo and Safety event held this past Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. There were about 120 kids and 100 adults that attended. A resource for bike information within the community is available on the [www.bicyclewausau.org](http://www.bicyclewausau.org) website.

### 3) Neighborhood Updates

*Westies* – Per Debra Ryan, the Westies group met last Monday at the Salvation Army and there were 14 residents in attendance. Lt. Matt Barnes was a guest speaker and he provided an update on the city ordinance in relation to trash and garbage. The residents of Wausau will be seeing the Community Resource Officers on bikes again this summer and they will be patrolling around neighborhoods. Currently an issue that was discussed on Monday was the unavailability of parking for two daycare facilities near the Eastbay business. They are looking at solutions. The group is looking for ideas on ways to get their meeting notices out and to connect with more neighbors. Suggestions were discussed by the N2N Committee.

*Forest Park Neighborhood* – This group is not functioning very well and the infighting has continued.

*East Towne* – This group is functioning well and they have a good group that attends their monthly meetings. A big concern for safety was discussed and they contacted the city to ask about the possibility of getting more street lights along Scott Street from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup>. Over the course of many meetings with city staff, the funding for the lights has been approved by the CISM (Capital Improvement and Street Maintenance) Committee and they will go up this summer. It was estimated at \$150,000 and they are putting this work out for competitive bid.

Joan Jackson is from the South east side of the city and she came to today's meeting to discuss starting a neighborhood group within her area. They have some recent issues with drugs and she is mainly concerned about the integrity of the neighborhood and would like to continue to see it remain in good aesthetics. They have a large Facebook group so that's a positive thing.

### 4) Old/New Business

The Bike Trail Clean-up was cancelled twice due to inclement weather. Next month's agenda should list the "Clean It Up, Wausau" event. A question was raised as to what the city is going to do once the Advance Disposal Refuse and Recycling contract is up at the end of this year. Mayor Tipple said that city staff is looking into various options and have researched a "Throw as you go" program. Currently the garbage cost is on the tax levy and it's been discussed that it would be important to take it off the levy. This would be a reduction on the citizen's tax bill. Right now you pay refuse and recycling based on the value of your home. This is not fair.

The Coordinating Committee would be the committee that would handle the discussion and decisions going forward. It would then probably appear before the Finance Committee in the future and then on to the Common Council for a vote. It would be important to place any information we may have on this within the next City Newsletter.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

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