



N2N COMMITTEE MINUTES

Time and Place: Friday, July 15, 2016 @ 7:45 a.m. City Hall Boardroom
Members Present: Mayor Robert Mielke, Marie Schmidt, Doug Diny, John Prey,
Others Present: Joan Jackson, Kathi Groeschel, Deb Ryan, Bruce Chopp, Nate Stetzer
Absent: Deanna Schuette, Joe Dina, Dick Holster

1) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Prey and seconded by Schmidt to approve the 5/20/16 minutes. The motion carried unanimously and the minutes will be placed on file.

2) Discussion of what constitutes a Quorum of City Council Members

It is the responsibility of the Council Members to leave a meeting they attend if they note that it may consist of a quorum of a standing city committee. The Neighborhood leaders can certainly contact the Clerk's Office to officially post a possible quorum of their neighborhood meeting if they have invited more than two council members. Mayor Mielke will send a Committee listing to all Council Members and Neighborhood group leaders to assist them in seeing what makes up a committee and if a violation of a quorum could potentially happen, but this is not the Neighborhood leaders responsibility.

3) Neighborhood Updates

Southeast Siders - Jackson provided an update of the upgrades happening to Alexander Park. This park will be Airport theme and they have started a fundraising campaign. They are hosting a 5K "Run the Runway" running event in October. There are currently 7 yards involved in a Sunday Garden Walk. Every household is updating their house numbers to be larger for emergency identification.

Westies - Councilmembers Gisselman and Peckham attended their last meeting. They had discussions about Reservoir Park and talked about plans of expansion. Parks Department feels the park is adequate for that neighborhood. They are going to update the playground equipment to be ADA compliant. Emerald Ash Borer discussion took place and there will be a public hearing by the Parks Department on this topic in August. The homelessness issues was brought up and the Mayor shared information he received from the most recent stakeholder meeting he had last month. A Madison group will be coming to Wausau in the near future. Local churches are silently making efforts to turn things around. Next year, St. Vincent DePaul will be building 15 mini-homes for transitional housing to help the homeless.

Forest Park - The June meeting went well. Their group would appreciate the council members looking ahead at their meeting schedules before committing to be a speaker at their Neighborhood Meeting. Schmidt received two cancellations from her speakers on short notice for their July meeting. She is currently promoting the September picnic at Sylvan Hill.

East Towne - This group is on NEXTDOOR.COM now. They had a successful cookout at Stewart Park with 20-30 people in attendance. They will have another one in August.

4) Clean It Up, Wausau Discussion - This is scheduled for September 16 and 17, 2016. It was suggested that we try to open up the Yard Waste Site once a month during the months of June, July and August next year to assist residents with the opportunity to dispose of junk during the summer months. Or perhaps open it up a couple of weekend out of the year. Mayor Mielke will look into these suggestions. Groeschel shared with the group that the Village of Weston was able to secure sponsorship from Cellcom to assist them with a FREE Electronics and Appliance Drop-Off event in August. Mayor will reach out to cellcom or the Village to inquire about that.

5) Old/New Business

Mayor Mielke said that the West Side Pride group are been holding river clean-ups on Saturdays from 9:30 - 10:00a.m. It's been very successful. The junk pulled out of there is amazing. Mr. Bruce Chopp shared the upcoming event called "Together we Heal" that will be held on the 400 Block on Saturday, August 20, 2016. The recent tragedies throughout the nation have placed police officers on High Alert and this event is to help unify our community and embrace diversity and create a better life for our children. This is being sponsored by NAOMI. (North central Area congregations Organized to Make an Impact).

A motion to adjourn was made by Schmidt and seconded by Diny. Motion passes and the committee adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2016.