



N2N COMMITTEE MINUTES

Time and Place: Friday, February 17, 2017 @ 7:45 a.m. City Hall Boardroom
Members Present: Mayor Robert Mielke, Dick Holster, Joe Dina, John Prey
Members Absent: Deanna Schuette, Doug Diny, Marie Schmidt
Others Present: Kathi Groeschel, Cassandra Ambrosius, Paul Kage, Dave DeSantis

1) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Holster and seconded by Dina to approve the 01/20/17 minutes. The motion carried unanimously and the minutes will be placed on file.

2) Community Clean-Up event/Partnership during YP Week - Cassandra Ambrosius

The young professionals group in the area has connected with other YP's in the state. Their focus is to attract and retain young professionals. They have been challenged within the group to provide a community event within the city so during YP Week in April; the young professionals will be hosting a City-wide Clean-up event in the City of Wausau. This will take place on Sunday, April 23, from Noon - 4:00p.m. She will be reaching out to all neighborhood group leaders in March to ask them for their participation to hold their own Neighborhood clean-up. This would mainly involve litter pick-up, not discarding of large items.

3) Neighborhood Association Updates

Athletic Park - Mr. Chris Schock/ED and CD Director for the city attended their last meeting. He provided an update on the East Riverfront Development and other economic initiatives. The group was very pleased with the information that was shared. The Mayor encouraged the neighborhood groups to seek out city representatives to attend and present at their neighborhood meetings, but always be respectful and provide them with enough lead time.

East Towne - This group invited Amie Leonoff from the TRAP, NEUTER, RELEASE (TNR) program to their last meeting. She provided a great update on the program and Holster encouraged other neighborhoods to invite her to speak. Mayor asked what the opinions were of the neighborhood group attendees with this program. Holster indicated that opinions weren't necessarily shared. Groeschel said that Amie Leonoff will be present at next month's N2N Meeting, at the request of member, Deanna Schuette.

4) Old/New Business

Mayor asked what the N2N Committee can possibly do to get other residents involved in Neighborhood Associations. He's aware of a new group possibly forming in the northwest (Hospital) area of the city. The Mayor likes to attend the neighborhood group meetings when his schedule allows it. He believes agenda items drive the participation. If there is a "hot" issue within the neighborhood, participation is up. Holster asked if there would be any funding available to be utilized on postcards to send to residents that indicate meeting times and meeting topics to draw residents to attend. Mayor indicated that budgets are tight and no funding is available, at least for this 2017 year. Mayor asked for feedback on the effectiveness of robo-calls with getting neighborhood reminders out to residents. Forest Park Neighborhood utilizes NEXTDOOR.COM to get information out.

Mr. Holster brought up the fact that the East side Police Sector meeting was held recently but there wasn't much notice of the meeting. It had very poor attendance as the Mayor did attend it.

The Habitat for Humanity Building Materials facility has moved from Wausau to the Schofield Avenue area in Weston in the old Subaru dealership building. They had a large number of volunteers that assisted with the move and it all went very well.

Holster understands the city is receiving a grant for lead pipe upgrades. Mosinee received 5 approved plumbing contractors - he wasn't aware that plumbing contractors had to be pre-approved. Is this a federal requirement? He understands that the City of Wausau will be following this same procedure. It would be great to have a point person that could share this information to neighborhood groups. Mayor will check with Mr. Eric Lindman to see if he would be available to speak to this issue at the neighborhood meetings.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dina and seconded by Holster. The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 17, 2017. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.