



N2N COMMITTEE MINUTES

Time and Place: Friday, May 17, 2019 @ 7:45 a.m. City Hall Boardroom
Members Present: Mayor Robert Mielke, John Prey, Carlos Etcherpareborda, Doug Diny, Richard Holster
Members Absent: Joe Dina
Others Present: Michelle Clark, Ric Mohelnitzky, Tori Diny, David DeSantis, Tammy Stratz

1) Approval of Minutes

There was no quorum present at the last scheduled March meeting; therefore no minutes have been prepared.

2) Clean It up, Wausau - Discussion

The DPW Supervisor distributed a data sheet providing information on the attendance and cost of current and previous Clean it Up, Wausau Drop-off events. The Mayor reminded the committee that this is a valuable service that is not always offered in other communities. This remains a cost-savings to the city. The next Large-Item drop off event is scheduled for June 28, 29, 2019, others are scheduled for July 26, 27 and August 23, 24. The final Clean-It Up, Wausau event will be held on September 27 and 28, 2019 and will allow drop off of appliances and electronics (some fees apply). All of these weekends will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. DPW would welcome one volunteer to assist at the gate at the June event since Van Krey is out of town during this time.

3) Community Development 5-Year Consolidation Plan Needs and Discussion

Community Development Admin/Analyst, Tammy Stratz provided an overview of this plan and explained the CBDG funding Program. In the past, various neighborhoods received funding for items such as low level street lighting, welcome identification neighborhood signs, homeowner rehab projects, curb & gutter projects and tot-lot equipment. Once neighborhood needs are identified, these are discussed and voted on by the Citizen's Advisory Committee each year when CDBG funds are made available for distribution to the community. Most funding is distributed within low-income neighborhoods. Items go on a waiting list if funds aren't immediately available. Ms. Stratz asked the committee to discuss this within their neighborhood groups and provide her with feedback by the end of the year for inclusion in the 2020 program funding. She indicated that the planning process is slow; however it's a great opportunity for the neighborhoods and our community, as a whole.

4) Neighborhood Association Update

Riverview Neighborhood - Low level lighting is an interest within their group.

East-Town Neighborhood - Their last meeting was cancelled but they will be meeting again next month.

Athletic Park Neighborhood - They have Mr. Brad Lenz, City Planner scheduled to be the guest speaker at their next meeting. Green energy conversation was a huge draw at their last meeting. Diny asked Stratz if green energy needs would qualify for CDBG funding. Stratz said it would depend on what that would be and will look into the matter further. Other discussion took place regarding energy efficient solar panels on city-owned public buildings and Mayor indicated at this time it is cost prohibitive on the front end. When the Mayor and his staff toured the city of Red Wing, MN, they understood that a private investment came forward to provide their solar panels. Our energy company doesn't offer funding rebates like Red Wing, MN was offered.

5) Old/New Business

Mayor Mielke stated that he is always assessable and his staff would be willing to attend any of the neighborhood group meetings. The next N2N Meeting will be July 19, 2019 whereby Chief Bliven will be the guest speaker.

A motion to adjourn was made by Diny and seconded by Prey. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.