

MINUTES: *Facilitator* Carl Sharak

Attendees: Councilmembers Sue Boyle and Joe Nicoletti. George Matthews, Carl Sharak, Kathy Stribley, Pat Hagemann, Rita Broton, Dee Klees, Carolyn Stafford, Captain L. Delfavero, Bob Dougherty, Chol Majok, Derrek Thomas, Joseph Romano, Brian Murphy, Tina Giblin, Caroline West

Review of the January 11th 2017 Minutes: Dee Klees 1st, Pat Hageman 2nd All were in favor

Issues for City Department Officials :

- 1) 1/6/2017 300 block of Shirley Drive, 3 gun shots, officers recovered 3 projectiles from resident. Officers have a suspect description, no arrest has been made
- 2) 4400 Block of South Salina St, Stabbing. Victim got in an altercation with an acquaintance, name was unknown, no arrest was made
- 3) Burglary on the 4400 Block of S. Salina st. Suspect kicked in the front door. Officers were able to get the suspects name, no arrest has been made yet
- 4) Attempted burglary at Luigis, suspects tried to pry an air conditioner from the window
- 5) 1/11/2017 Quickstop Wireless was burglarized at 6am. Cell phones were taken. Suspects were caught on camera, no arrests have been made yet
- 6) 600 block of Jarms Ave, suspect took large amount of cash, possible suspect info from victim
- 7) Dorwin and Salina St gas station, victim approached by unidentified man.
- 8) Update on the incidence with juveniles at Clary Middle School. The Juvenile has been arrested for reckless endangerment, another child was implicated but not arrested.
- 9) Tire larcenies last month was huge, beware
- 10) A resident stated that her neighbor was walking dog when a group of youths drove by throwing rocks. Officer suggested taking down their license plate number and vehicle description
- 11) A resident requested an officer sit on W. Seneca Turnpike down the hill to ticket speeders.

Committee Reports Planning Committee: Kathy Stribley

- 1) Brighton Mews project at the top of the hill will go back on city planning agenda for February 28th
- 2) Ongoing activity of Pale & Park (Town of Onondaga Project)
- 3) Family Dollar Project going on right now
- 4) Family Dollar on Brighton is finished and looks nice

Sue Boyle thanked George, Kathy, Dee and Carl for lobbying to make the Dollar Store look good.

Special Project Presentation:

Carl Sharak introduced the Special Project Funds and the current mechanism TNT is working under. TNT vouchers Home Headquarters to purchase 'things' for us, Home Headquarters vouchers the City for reimbursement. The budget director of the city is the gate keeper on this thing and TNT is currently working on changing it.

- 1) Speed Reader: pole mounted \$3,850
- 2) Trash Can for Ballantyne & Atlantic Ave \$700
- 3) MAPA Banners \$450

Dee motioned to accept all proposals, Carl requested permission to alter the amount of each item by up to \$200 in order to fit within the \$5000 allotted. Caroline 2nd . All were in favor.

Residents requested that the Speed reader remain in the Valley. Before purchasing, it was suggested that a few questions be answered

- 1) What is the durability of the item (if hit, is there an insurance policy to replace it?)
- 2) Does it include data gathering or video?
- 3) What is the life expectancy?

A resident requested that someone address the vacant house issue in the Valley. Council member Sue Boyle stated that the city has a vacant homes registry, but was unsure if there is a maximum amount of time a house can be on that registry before it is sold. Council member Joe Nicoletti stated that as long as a property is current on its taxes, and the home is not deemed as a hazard, there is very little the City can do to address the vacant property. Mr. Nicoletti stated that he would come back to the Valley TNT to speak about this issue. He also suggested we reach out to Ken Towsley with the code department, Katelyn Wright with the Landbank and Stephanie Pasqual in the NBD office.

Bob Dougherty stated that he was on the Landbank Citizens Advisory Board. There is an abandonment issue the City is trying to address. Syracuse was once a city with a population of 230,000. It now has population of 150,000 people, so there is a surplus of 14,000 units. Dee Klees suggested that we reach out to Real Estate agents to motivate them to sell the 'cheap' houses within the Valley.

Announcements

- 1) George Matthews stated that the 12th annual Snowman Convention is taking place at Destiny USA from February 15 – 25 near the Cannon Area.
- 2) MAPA litter campaign: keep the Valley clean. April 2nd, Earthday 9am, at the Cecile Center. Future dates will be in the months of June/August/October all are welcome to help. Also, Poster contest in schools will be expanded this year, more prizes will be given.
- 3) Caroline West announced the Webster Pond Neighborhood Watch meeting at St. Pauls Methodist Church at 7pm
- 4) Ms. West stated that the Webster Pond fishing application is now available as well as the Webster Pond Calendars are on sale for \$5 each.
- 5) Sunday Pancake Breakfast at the legion
- 6) Chili Fest at Thornden Park on March 4th

Bob Dougherty motioned to Adjourn 8:28pm