

NBN Meeting ^ January 10, 2011

Monroe County Parks Building

171 Reservoir Avenue

Present: Joanne Ballint Officer Brian Bannerman, Matt Carnevale, Angela Clark-Taylor, Ruth Danis, City Councilman Matt Haag, Nancy Johns-Price, Vern Lindberg, Joan Lindberg, Geri Arno Machado, Colleen McCarthy, Nancy O'Donnell, Matt Perdue, Council member Elaine Spaul, Mary Starpoli, Paul Taylor, Carlene Woodward, Officer Michelle Velez



NBN Chair Carlene Woodward opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.



Crime Report:

Officer Brian Bannerman reported crime is low (five burglaries, one auto theft, one robbery, five larcenies).

Lieut. Wayne Harris is studying with the FBI at Quantico, VA, for two months. Acting for Harris is Sergeant Bongiovanni is heading the office while he,s gone.

The PCIC meets one Wed a month at the East Division police station on High Falls Blvd. During the meeting, neighborhood leaders get to talk to the RPD division commander about crime, share information and ask questions.



Nancy Johns-Price, SE Neighborhood Center Adminstrator

Johns-Price updated NBN on NSC staff and some of the neighborhood issues the office handles (toter, unbundled rehab, refuse)

Gustavo Quintana is working part-time on refuse issues. Michael VanMeenan is NSC,s full-time code enforcer now. Mandy Vazquez is the custom service rep. Mildred Ferguson works as a 311 operator (S.E. quadrant) is the only one with a

311 operator on site. Mildred will cross trained with Mandy.

Johns-Price encourages people to call her on her direct line at 428-8814).

She's discovering more of the area. She recently toured the South Wedge with Bob Boyd, SWPC Director.



At-large City Council Matt Haag

Mr. Haag serves all of the city, but he promised to come as frequently as he can to NBN meetings. He,s learning a lot by listening at these meetings.

City Council meetings topics include: mayoral succession and the budget deficit equals \$50 million. Budget negotiations are not a pretty process.

They,ll set the date for a special election.

In terms of cost cutting, everything is on the table. The city is looking for ways to consolidate, work with the city schools (take mayoral control out of the discussion), limit street cleanings, etc. The City lessened funding portion for the Jazz Festival and eliminated the laser light show (they will be selling the equipment).



SEAC Report- Joanne Balliet reported that SEAC has moved to a stand alone building at 1000 Elmwood Avenue on the Al Sigl campus. (Phone numbers are the same.) The Tool Library will be housed in the green house. (South Ave north entrance).

She reported that College Town is coming along. Tanja Zwahlen works with the ESCAPE Committee, Joan Hildibrand works on South Clinton Avenue.

SEAC just received \$165,000 from HFBC (?). The money is allocated already. They also received a mini grant from Citizen Bank for their home repair program. They can do jobs up to \$1400.

The SEAC 12/3 Fundraiser moved to a new venue and grossed \$30K.

City will pay for neighborhood workshops. Send the registration through Julie Beckley, not Nazareth.



SWPC Report ^ Executive Director Bob Boyd invited everyone to stop by for SWPC Open House on Jan. 21, 6 p.m. at SWPC, 224 Mt. Hope Avenue.

He passed out flyers for a SWPC rehabbed house for sale at 7 Pappert Place. „It,s absolute gorgeous.% The house is 1400 square feet, 2 bedrooms, first-floor laundry room. Sale price \$89K, first time buyers, income qualified welcome to apply, (income up to \$60).

SWPC has done about 12 rehabs, repairs to up 60 homes.

First-time homebuyer. It will be available.

SWPC is watching the housing trends in the South Wedge and what,s happening to the properties. „We,re trying to look forward long term. We,re finding deterioration in painting, brick work. SWPC wants to work a tool box approach: offering people help, for ex. plants in the rain gutters, SWPC will offer a ladder to get them out. „We,re looking at how we make things available.

The South Wedge Farmers Market will be taking applications for the 2011 year. It,s very competitive, applications will be available on Feb. 1. SWPC is looking for a change of venue that will work with the same kind of rent they pay to Boulder, which is zero.



City Councilwoman Elaine Spaul

This section is pretty good in terms of crime; there,s „a fair amount of it in other parts of the district.%

Keep houses locked. More thefts of copper pipes seen. Youngsters in the NE Beechwood, Rocket St. are acting up..

City Council is most concerned with the budget. Also looking at Youth Development Policy and the MCC downtown campus.

Spaul will carry an invitation to Adam McFadden to come to an NBN meeting. One audience member said he hasn,t attended in several years.



Matt Perdue, ESCAPE Committee

South Clinton Avenue ^ three major scopes of work.

Focus is wrapping up construction. Outgoing Legislator Susan John said the funds are allocated and safe and ESCAPE is moving to put out RFP.

Most of the utility work from lower S.Clinton, bump outs, planters, are complete (Goodman to Byron)

Crosswalks, some of the light poles are being replaced, lighting is being upgraded. Not all of the poles can be changed because of RGE/City agreement (or disagreement)

They are also taking advantage of another Main St. Grant. It was the only one in Monroe Co.

Upper half of S. Clinton Avenue will see more bump outs, not as dense an area, cross streets. Bump outs help to define parking areas. Milling, resurfacing, crosswalk without a light will be added to make it safer.

Traffic calming, speed enforcement signs will also help.

(There's no traffic signal from Highland and South people speed.)

ESCAPE is working on branding for South Clinton Avenue. They've hired a graphic designer. More will be revealed.

From Tanya Zwahlen: Main St. Grant has received nine proposals from four property owners in the target area. All nine received preliminary approval. The projects amount to \$160K. Another \$25K will be spent on streetscape improvements. The properties are Ming Noodle, Ming Court (old SEAC office), India House, India House store, two residential properties owned by OM Sud, Loop Lounge and Muddy Waters/Tattoo Kamikaze.

Several projects will commence in the spring. A few will not start until 2012.



Mark Quinn, Monroe County Parks Dept

The Lambertton Conservatory is opening its mid winter show. Make sure you have try skating at the Lily Pond. The ice is good. It's opened 10 -10. You can skate after the meeting.

The witch hazel is in bloom, check it out. It,s on the overlook at the park,s highest point.



Neighborhood Reports

Azalea Neighbors ^ No report.

Cypress ^ Linden Block Club - On hiatus during cold weather, still exploring traffic calming strategies.

SEAC ^ HPNA been interested in becoming a 501-C3, everyone is encouraged to attend the City workshops which are free to neighborhood leaders.

Gregory Street Block Club ^ Angela Clark-Taylor, SWPC board member and Community Engagement leader invited everyone to the first meeting Community Engagement meeting of the new year on 1/17, 6 p.m. SWPC office, 224 Mt. Hope Ave.

Highland Park Neighborhood Association - Mary Starpoli, new president of HPNA, reports that the assoc. is working on lots of projects.

Lilac Neighbors ^ No report

May Street Block Club ^ No report.

NY State Coalition of Property Owners (Bill Earling) ^ No report

PAC TAC -Paul Urai (HPNA) ^ No report

Swillburg Neighborhood ^ No report

Rockingham, East of Goodman Block Club- No report.

U of R Community Relations- Colleen McCarthy distributed schedules for upcoming Eastman Music concerts (is happy to send one to those who want them).

The U of R program that encourages workers to move into the area has led to 100 sales made, 60 made in Sector 6.

Upper Mt. Hope ^ The Associaton will be meeting at St. Anne,s Catholic Church on Feb. 1, 6- 8 p.m. to discuss the new McDonald,s rehab. St. Anne,s 2/1. The neighbors have met several times with McDonald,s.



NBN President Carlene Woodward is willing to make the City of Rochester Bureau of Planning ,s traffic calming report available to anyone who wants to see it.

She applauded Bob Boyd and SWPC,s offering funds to improve the land behind School #12, promote drainage, which will help the field be more accessible for a longer season. Menlo Place will also benefit from the field,s improved drainage.

The Great Rochester Health Foundation is offering funds to rebuild School #12 playground

(NBN Secretary Nancy O,Donnell said the whole story will be featured in the Feb/March Wedge Newspaper.)

Carlene reported that next month,s NBN meeting will include info on the City,s Bike Plan and Flower City Marathon will be coming to talk about their race in April.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Next meeting: February 14, 2011 (unless it,s rescheduled for St. Valentine,s Day)