

LP-50 July Meeting Sala-Thai 7/24/2007:

Agenda revised to allow Lori Rankin to begin with her discussion of how her office of Community Outreach of the Mayor's Office can work with the LP-50 community. Stephen announced the retirement of Commander Autry and Commander Bettison being at another community meeting and Sgt. Michael Thomas filling in his stead. Stephen introduced Lori and she began her presentation on what she has done to improve the LP community(see June Minutes). She was thankfully applauded by the community at the meeting. She gave her contact number to us #224-8931.

Stephen introduced Deputy Chief Chester Logan of the Northeast District of the Detroit Police Dept. and Sgt. Michael Thomas of the Northeast District.

Deputy Chief Logan gave a short informational session on his history and how he came to be Northeast Deputy Chief and his neighborhood interest. He gave his contact number to us- 596-1110. His education and family information was given to us. He was warmly received by our group.

Sgt. Michael Thomas introduced himself to our community. He gave us his contact information:596-1107.

Both were asked what our community could do to improve our security of our community- They answered that we should be the Police Depts. Eyes and ears.

Residential alarms are responded when the home alarms go off.

Central Park lights needs priority repair for safety checks.

To decrease chances of purse snatchings, more lighting is needed.

D.C. Logan stated that all parks close at 10:00pm.

The Northeast District is 29 Sq. mi. territory with @ 26,000 residents.

Homeless with their mattresses and parking tickets were brought up.

8:00pm Power shift could assist the community with their manpower in the community. We are considered the South End community of Northeast District.

Walgreen's safety issues has brought special attention for patrol units and Jefferson Ave. have dedicated units.

We are a mixed community of middle class, fixed income, seniors, and homeless.

MLK homes need to be present at LP-50 meetings.- Stephen will meet with them about attending the next LP-50 meeting.

Traffic control of Chene Park congestion in the neighborhood needs to be handled.

Antietam Patrols during football games was asked for.

Attempted break-ins and gang graffiti taggers need monitoring by P/O's and S/O's.

311 database records were asked how well are they monitored for repetition crimes.

Two different wheel locks on wheels are better to protect the wheels on our cars.

Property Theft Taskforce protects the community from those stealing and fencing of stolen goods.

Catalytic Converters thefts are hot because of the precious metals in them.

Property crime was agreed as better than personal bodily violence.

Police Radio frequency has no break in call volume on a police patrol shift.

Security interest in the Antietam wall where they use the High Grass and tennis court tables for criminal activity.

Gang Squad goes throughout the City where need is present.

Stephen thanked Deputy Chief Logan and Sgt. Thomas and Lori Rankin for their time to come to our meeting with us tonight.

Deputy Chief Logan stated that a N.E. District person should be at all of our meetings. Stephen agreed to keep them in on all contacts of our meetings.

Lori asked for the members to contact her if there are any issues that need to be addressed. We then moved onto our business details of our meeting.

Ed gave a brief Fiduciary report. We got a \$60.00 deposit from Neil from his recent tours, made the final payment to the Sculpture artist, and \$649.10 was left in unrestricted funds.

Joanne Givens gave her SE CDC meeting. River Place lofts owner has bought the old Wayne State Pharmacy building, Detroit Tigers helping to repair our baseball diamond, MLK High students came in second for their Motor City Makeover work.

Dwight from Friends School offered his school as a meeting site, his open house on 7/25, most diverse racially, staff and students. Spoke of his ancestry. Wants to do more with LP-50.

James Mitchell of Detroit Synergy spoke of how they can work with LP-50. 100% volunteer w/o grants. Third Thursday fellowship program. Mr. Stacey is working with them. 60 people went with them on a Hike the Dequindre cut.

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Olga gave a Membership update: formal rep. From each residential property, a Sept. Meet & Greet to invite new people to join, set a stable general meeting date: i.e. Tues of last week of the month.

Community Foundation funding proposal for LP-50 needs formal group structure in place.

Constance gave a little history of the Greenway Garden and her Garden Training program that she completed. Patrice - a UDM student is helping with the Garden. We are part of Cluster #3 division of the City. They are having their BBQ and potluck on Chene from 10-1 on sat. at Peacemaker's Garden of Eden. We are working with the Garden resource program collaborative. A local honey beehive producer may work with us.

Sculpture Update by Terry Blackhawk announced that Zakk Barozzini of CCS won the contest with his “stimuli” monument. Will be constructed between Nicolet and Joliet Coops.

IIT Update given by Bill – he spoke of Mr. Coldwell and his and his park designs. Wall Street Journal approved to do an article on Lafayette Park.

St. Joseph’s announced their Oktober Choral Fest on Sept. 23rd with several choirs.

Stephen closed the meeting with a final conveyance as we all left back to our lives.

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