



Southwest Area Partnership

February 17, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Chair Adrienne Maurer called the SWAP meeting at the Sears Pavilion to order at 7:00 p.m. After opening remarks and introductions all around, Adrienne named Marge Johnson, of Elmhurst Neighborhood Association the winner of the Casey Chesney Award. Marge was ill, and could not attend.

We adopted the proposed agenda, approved the January minutes, and approved the Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$397.96.

Speakers were Dave Ross, City engineer, City of Fort Wayne, and Mario Trevino, Manager, Transportation Engineering Services, City of Fort Wayne. Among Mr. Ross's projects discussed were the Ardmore Corridor, with an estimated completion date of October 2010, the Martin Luther King Bridge, and plans for replacement and beautification. The Army Corps of Engineers will be working in the West Central area, stabilizing the Thieme Avenue and Washington Boulevard area.

Mr. Trevino educated us regarding concrete and asphalt paving, stated that concrete reconstruction costs \$600k to \$1M per mile, while asphalt costs approximately \$120k per mile. He explained how engineers rate conditions of pavement, and how decisions are made for repair and replacement. Mario's phone number is 427-1136.

Mr. Paul J. Thuringer, Housing and Neighborhood Development Services, City of Fort Wayne, presented information on federal funds available to lower income and senior disabled families for repairs. There have been significant changes in this department. Any licensed contractor is eligible to perform work for HANDS projects, and all money available is placed in community each year for its intended purpose. There is no roll over of funds at the end of the year.

Neighborhood Advocate for the West Side, Ken Nicolet spoke regarding the State of the City Address, and the Mayor's Night In opportunities. He also reported that Fort Wayne would host the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns the first week of October, with 675 mayors and administrators arriving. We will display our City proudly.

Lt. Mike McQueen reported for FWPD. Our crime stats look great; SW is the safest area in town. We have had significant arrests but to stay safe, we must remain aware of our surroundings at all times.

In new business, Lawn and Turf has engineered and performed its own flood abatement with no permits. Although City Attorney Carol Taylor is involved, there has been no action. Marilyn Miller, President of Broadview Terrace Community Association reported that her calls to Ms. Taylor remain unanswered since December 2009. SWAP voted that the Secretary should write a letter to Mayor Henry seeking resolution of this situation.

After announcement of next month's program, we adjourned until March 17, 2010.

Carolyn DeVoe, Secretary