

South West Area Partnership

Fort Wayne Sports Club

May 19, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair, Marilyn Miller. Introductions were made all around, the agenda was approved, and the minutes as written were approved. Treasurer's report showed \$491.11 on hand.

Our speakers, Sgt. McKinney, Fort Wayne Police Department and F O P President, and Detective Apienzo spoke regarding undercover operations. He informed us of uniformed officer support for undercover actions, mentioned the socio-economic impact in regard to drug dealing, and cautioned us about picking up discarded plastic pop cans as they may be active meth labs. When we make reports of suspected drug activity, we need to give the address, as well as details, such as days of the week, time of day, type of car or walk in traffic, etc. Sgt. McKinney will speak at neighborhood associations if asked, and is eager to hear from us.

Captain Steve Haffner, FWPD detailed crime prevention information, including the fact that people are robbing folks who advertise items on Craig's List.

Ken Nicolet, West side Neighborhood Advocate, reported that we had a good Great American Cleanup turnout, and touched on FW Animal Control's Feline Frenzy program.

Deputy Chief Jim Marua, FWFD told us of the June smoke detector give-away program, which will include units for hearing impaired people. Point of information, OUR RESIDENTIAL FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE A 2 YEAR PRODUCT, CHECK YOURS. ALSO, OUR SMOKE DETECTORS ARE GOOD FOR 2-3 YEARS. REPLACE AS NEEDED!

Cindy Joyner, Director of NCE introduced Mecca, the new director of our City weed program. Due to a series of refusals of job offers, Zip Code 46807 is behind on posting and mowing. Foreclosures and tax sale properties have added to the intensity of the weed program's work. IDEM has insisted that NCE perform asbestos abatement on all demolitions, thus raising the cost of the average demolition by over 50 percent.

The BZA hearings were to include Mishawaka Mining's request to operate a concrete and asphalt recycling service on Banks Avenue, in the flood plain. Carolyn DeVoe agreed to represent SWAP at that hearing. It was announced that the hearing for Lawn and Turf would be held on June 9th at 9:00 a.m. Bob Ehrenman, Council for the BZA and Ft.Wayne-Allen County Plan Commissions would represent the plaintiffs. Neighbors from surrounding associations were urged to sit in and watch the proceedings. There was a question of why the road construction signs had been in place on Lower Huntington Road at Bluffton Rd for two months, with no activity.

We were adjourned until June 15, 2010.

Carolyn DeVoe, Secretary, South West Area Partnership

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