

## SWAP Meeting

August 17, 2011

Chairperson Adrienne Maurer called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Introductions were made, including a plug for Fort for Fitness, and the agenda was approved.

Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were accepted. Our treasury shows a balance of \$241.97. We will have to pay bank service charges if we do not maintain a \$250.00 minimum balance.

Our Speaker session included an informative panel of City Dept. Directors who led us through the most common solutions to neighborhood problems. Those speaking were: Cindy Joyner of Neighborhood Code Enforcement, and she related Matt Gratz's Solid Waste Dept. information to us also. Belinda Lewis, Animal Care and Control Paul Blisk, Planning and Permitting DC Dottie Davis, FWPD Assistant Chief Jim Murua, FWFD and Mike Burkart, Right of Way

Many subjects were covered, questions answered and a hand-out from NCE was included. This was a very practical approach to assist all neighborhoods in addressing ongoing difficulty with ordinances being ignored or unknown.

Brent Wake, Neighborhood Liaison brought to our attention that folks are using newly poured concrete sidewalks and streets before they have cured, which damages structural integrity and causes early failure. He announced the President's meeting, and the Mayor's walks.

DC Dottie Davis FWPD mentioned that our year to date crime rate is still lower than last year, although we have seen an increase in burglaries and robbery.

AC Jim Murua FWFD mentioned the dangers of grills and turkey fryers being in use too close to buildings and causing massive damages due to fires.

In BZA matters, it was reported that Lawn and Turf is due for an inspection, and Lakeshores and Winterset additions are pursuing an R1 designation rather than the more liberal RP.

Over three hundred fifty neighbors gathered for the Packard Park National Night Out celebration. Many thanks are due to Adrienne and neighborhood officers who graciously hosted this. Thanks also to all of the officers and City employees who attended and offered instruction, advice and simple friendship.

Good of the Order included Common Council Pres. Mitch Harper's list of trees to replace our dying ash trees, and outgoing council person Liz Brown asked for ideas for the MacMillan Ice Arena, meeting to be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned to September 21, 2011

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn De Voe, SWAP Secretary.