

NORTHWEST AREA PARTNERSHIP MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2019

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Board Members

Denny Zimmerman, Co-Chairman Stephanie Henry, Co-Chairman Judy Prost, Secretary
Terry Sheets-Treasurer Wil Babcock, Sheila Clark, Bill Fiengo, Rosie O'Grady, and Rod Vargo

Denny Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Denny called for the councilmen to go first since they will need to attend another meeting.

Tom Freistroffer and Tom Didier, Fort Wayne City Council

- Tom D. wanted us to know that he is available to come to your association meetings.
- Tom D.- Glynn Hines is proposing to change the zoning laws for gas stations
- Tom D. - Lassus are rezoning their stores
- Tom D- Council had to vote along with plan commission for the station at Sherman and Coliseum, the station was outdated.
- Tom D. has 36 stations and Tom F. has 22 in their districts
- Tom D.-The station at Spring and Wells Streets, never came to council
- Tom F.-Hines comes to council in March
- Tom F. -on the 5th Tuesday they talked about drugs/opiates, 124 deaths last year, Meth and Heroin on the streets
- Tom F. Riverview project- developers could not get financing for NE corner of Superior and Harrison St. Others interested in the project
- Tom F.- Promenade Park opens June 21st, 100 Million dollar project
- Tom D.- A federal and state project at the corner of Washington Center and St. Joe Center road, 2 lanes for turns onto Clinton Street
- Tom F.- garbage pick-up getting better, January 2018 misses were 5,539 and January 2019 were 1,551
- Tom D.- was on the committee to come up with new routes, last thing they wanted to do was to fine Red River. One of the biggest problems was missing a whole side of the street. The drivers train for 20 weeks to learn alley routes.
- Tom D.-problem, get ahold of him or Russ Jehl after you have called 311. Questions was asked why to call 311, Answer- to record the complaint

Adam O'Connor- Fort Wayne Fire Department

- Lots of water leaks since last month
- In St. Joe Township, the FWFD started to provide service for the area that used to be serviced by volunteers. They had a large barn fire which the FWFD were able to put out.
- FWFD is hiring-you can apply and must be 21-35 years old. If you don't get through this time, they keep a list of who applied, so you can be looked at the next year.
- A question was asked about 911 being down. What number do you call? Adam said call 911 and it should be transferred, and then Steve(member) said the number was 449-3000

Denny Zimmerman and Stephanie Henry

- Denny went around the room for introductions
- Denny and Stephanie went to the DAR(Direct Action Response) meeting this week. The DAR meeting has all 4 quadrants represented, and this is a direct link to the Mayor's office. They meet every 2 months.

- Stephanie-The Right of Way Department, Lyndsey and Nick, gave a presentation of what their department does. They also heard about the roundabout projects at Superior and Five points.

Steve Haffner- Fort Wayne Police Department

- City crime down 17%, Northwest quadrant down 6%, temperatures drop-crime drops
- International Jugglers June 24-30th
- MCAA 3-15 to 3-16
- Air Show, June 7,8,9
- Academy class is in their 3rd week. Had 4 leave, but only because they changed their minds, they did nothing wrong.
- We recently had 6 fatal crashes- weather related. Check the forecast and your tires on your vehicle
- When you have a yellow blinking arrow- You DO NOT have the right of way, use extreme caution
- Q was asked about crashes on roundabouts, Steve said first rough but now people are getting used to them
- Q was asked about light at Coldwater and Dupont going south to turn East. Cannot see oncoming traffic because of hill or large trucks. Steve will check into this. His #427-1331
- Q about traffic light changes, Steve stated Traffic Engineering makes the changes to the timing of the lights etc. Rod V. warned of when asking for arrow changes, people make short cuts.

Secretary's Report

- Denny stated that Judy was absent and called for an approval of January 17, 2019 minutes. A motion made by Rod Vargo to approve and was seconded by Wil Babcock

Treasurer's Report- Terry Sheets

- We received a check from Hearthstone Village tonight that will be on next month report, thank you.
- Summary of Profit and Loss for the month of February 2019
- Balance brought forward \$642.77
- Wheatridge Community Assoc \$100.00
- Woodlands of Riverside Comm Assoc \$25.00
- Bank Service charge reversal \$4.00
- Coffee fund donations for January \$12.00
- Total Income \$141.00
- No expenses
- Balance \$783.77
- Motion to approve by Bill Fiengo, 2nd Rod Vargo

Palermo Galindo-Community Liaison

- Palermo apologized for being late, was in Indy
- Presidents' Meeting Monday March 4, 2019 6:00-7:30 p.m. Citizens Sq Omni Room
- Pres. Meeting guests and topics include: Mayor Henry, Kim Bowman and Glynn Hines about gas station rezoning, Riverfront Updates, Tox away Tues, Storm water projects
- You can get free tax help with an income under \$54,000.00 call 211
- City of Ft. Wayne's office of Housing and Neighborhood services- repair Loan programs, Heat and Air, Roof, 0% interest seven year loans 427-8585

- We are hosting the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference this year
- September 19-21 "Play in the Fort" with an emphasis on how recreation and social interaction can help transform neighborhoods rnnconference.com
- If you have any new Presidents or Contacts please let me know at 427-6214

Mark Salomon-Neighborhood Code

- If you see people going in and out of a vacant house call 911
- If you see open windows or door open, call them and they will investigate and secure the property
- Please be patient, order to abate (cleanup) is behind
- Dead tree ordinance, last year was the first year, now they send notice to the owner that an arborist is going on the property. Call 311 in the spring if you have a dead tree problem.
- Q- Who pays for removal- City does and then they lien property if they can't or won't pay. The situation has to warrant the tree could cause damage.
- Q- Stephanie Henry- Vehicle with flat tire on our street. Mark said to call 311 because if on the street it goes to parking control. But if in yard, still call 311, they will send to him.
- Comment that 311 does a great job. Comment that they had a street light out and when he called they said 1-2 days. It took them almost a week. Who do I talk to about this? Mark said to contact your councilman.

Nick Jarrell/Lyndsey Richards-Right-of-Way Dept

- Lyndsey-50/50 cost share for sidewalks. Going to set up some meetings with associations. Cutoff date for the program is 9-30-19. Petitions need to be in soon.
 - Q- Do you put sidewalks in where there are none? Lyndsey- no. Comment: I have tried for 40 years to get a sidewalk on Russell Avenue.
 - 368 Permits pulled, 201+ 311 Requests
 - Lyndsey- 2019 Sidewalk Trip Hazard Elimination Projects: Francis Slocum, Wyndemere, Greenview, La-Cabreah, Northcrest Civic, The Falls of Keefer Creek
 - Q- expand on what trip hazard pkg is. Leveling existing sidewalk, shaving off hazard
 - Q - How do we get on the list? Call 427-2127 Lyndsey, or 427-2721 Nick
- Lyndsey- if a tree has damaged a sidewalk, they will remove the tree at no cost
- Lyndsey- the North Clinton St. sidewalk connection started and completion for this is 6-28-19. North Clinton St. from Colony Dr. to Auburn Rd. on the east side by constructing new sidewalk curbface walk, sidewalk connections at Bethany Drive and Red Haw Drive, bus stop pads, drainage improvements and lawn restoration. Wallen Road sidewalk extension planned for 2019-NE corner Wallen Rd and Coldwater Rd.

Dan Baisden-City of Ft. Wayne Community Development

- Riverfront meeting at North Side High School March 7th from 6-8 pm

Karl Bandemer-City of Fort Wayne Deputy Mayor

- I try to get to the meeting annually, thank you for participating in this meeting and taking the time to make our city and neighborhoods better.

Rachel Blakeman, Purdue Univ FW, Community Research Institute Director

- Our current warning system is not designed to awaken or hear from the inside. Also, not designed to alert you of other severe weather. Only tornado.
- Joint City/County system operated by 911 but New Haven operates their own system.

- The City/County and local media get their information from the National Weather Service
- A trained tornado spotter can call in for Allen County
- A test is done on the 1st Wednesday of each month
- There is no all clear signal
- Cost to upgrade could be \$825,000.00 to 2 million
- Q- Rod V. Our neighborhood may want a siren. It could cost \$26,000.00 to install. Gives one mile radius.
- Comment: Just because we have a smart phone, some may not and we should be concerned about those individuals.
- Q- Does the city have liability to warn us? No comment, a lawyer may be able to answer.
- If you have a weather radio, you will hear it before the outside siren

Chuck Reddinger- Fort Wayne Parks Dept.

- The spring Parks Dept guide book is out.
- Registration is up 33%, so reserve now
- Chuck had initial plans to show us of the possible changes to Franke Park
- They are recommending different entryways. Needs better flow.
- Possible shutting down a section of Sherman Blvd.
- Moving or Demo Pavilion 1 because of flooding
- Pathways to encourage walking
- Maintain the Barn-move and open up Nature area
- Q- Is Park Dept coordinating with Goshen Rd improvement project? 1st Entrance redo, Goshen road from 5 pts to Cambridge 2nd entrance further west
- Denny Z. comment: I grew up in the Franke Park area- it will upgrade the park 100%
- Chuck: It will connect with the neighborhoods around it. Next couple of months we will have a cost estimate.
- Q- Stephanie Henry- how can I add input? Chuck:
- Go to FrankeParkPlan.com. Chuck: plans should be online in a couple of days

Denny Zimmerman Co-Chair.

- Denny reminded us to be sure and sign in and correct any information on the sign in
- He welcomed the people who attended NWAP for the first time and welcomed them to come back
- Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.
- Next Meeting March 21, 2019

Respectfully Submitted

Terry Sheets- Treasurer