

## NWAP MINUTES FOR MARCH 21, 2019

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Stephanie Henry, Co-Chair-Denny Zimmerman, Co-Chair-Judy Prost,  
Secretary-Terry Sheets, Treasurer  
Board Members

Wil Babcock Sheila Clark Bill Fiengo Rosie O'Grady Rod Vargo

6:30 Meeting called to order by Denny Zimmerman

- Introductions around the room
  - Thank you for attending and meeting tonight? Please confirm your neighborhood's correct information on sign-in sheets, i.e. President or contact name, association name, phone, & e-mail addresses)
  - Thank you to Northridge Baptist Church, Neighborhood donations to NWAP, to Coldwater Road Subway for cookie tray donation (5788 Coldwater Rd.) our volunteers & clean up help
- **Secretary's Report** was approved by Rosie O'Grady and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Frengo
- **Treasurers report by Terry Sheets:**
  - March \$783.77
  - Donation from Hearth Stone \$75.00
  - Coffee money from February \$5.93
  - **Total received: 80.93**
  - Bill Hartman made motion to accept
  - Bill Fiengo 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

### REPORTS:

Stephanie introduced the speakers for tonight:

**No Police representation present tonight**

**Palermo Galindo - Fort Wayne Neighborhood Advocate**

- Neighborhood Presidents' Meeting was on Monday, March 4, 2019 Omni Room-at Citizens Square-We had 75 people attending! Can view meeting on line:  
<https://acpl.viebit.com/player.php?hash=iU5JG5gXmZAK>
  - Next meeting June 4th
- The City of Fort Wayne's Community Development Division is hosting this year's Regional Neighborhood Network Conference from September 19-21, 2019 at the Grand Wayne Center.
  - More info: [www.rnnconference.com](http://www.rnnconference.com)
  - As an incentive, the first 25 people who meet the following criteria will be offered \$50.00 off their registration fee!
  - City of Fort Wayne resident,
  - Have never attended a Regional Neighborhood Network Conference, and

- Volunteer for at least three hours during the conference (handing out registration bags, etc.).
- If you meet the above criteria and want the discount, please email Kylee Felda at [kylee.felda@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:kylee.felda@cityoffortwayne.org). The first 25 people to email will get \$50.00 off their registration fee.
- This offer is being extended to all current neighborhood leaders and to members of several local service/community organizations.
- In need of Volunteers
- Popular Rain Garden Workshops Begin this Month-Register Now for Free Sessions
  - Residents from Fort Wayne and surrounding areas have three opportunities to take advantage of free Rain Garden workshops this spring. Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am-12:30pm Salomon Farm Park; Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30am-2:00pm Grabill Public Library; Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-12:30pm Manchester University in the Fort Wayne Campus.
  - Register in advance by calling 311 or 427-8311. (see flyer)
- This Year's Great American Cleanup is on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Volunteers are asked to preregister so that the City can accommodate them with event t-shirts, gloves, and trash bags.
  - Individuals, families and groups can register at [www.cityoffortwayne.org/greatamericancleanup](http://www.cityoffortwayne.org/greatamericancleanup) or by calling 427-1345, no later than Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. After the work is done, a volunteer celebration with food, drinks, prizes and live entertainment is held at Headwaters West from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Signup here: <https://eforms.acfw.net/iFiller/iFiller.jsp?fref=d25e4b732656b6d073799b81736a2f14> (see flyer)
  - As part of the Great American Cleanup, Fort Wayne City Utilities is offering free yard waste drop off for Fort Wayne and Allen County residents on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Biosolids Handling Facility at 6202 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne, Indiana
  - Facility Hours for Free Drop-Off Event Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019-8:00 am-6:00pm (see flyer)
  - Quadrant Chairs/Co-Chairs, Presidents: Please send me the new elected Neighborhood officers to update the President Listing for our City's webpage: If you have more up-to-date information you can provide to the City about a neighborhood contact, please fill out the Neighborhood Association Filling Form, email it to [myneighborhood@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:myneighborhood@cityoffortwayne.org). and put "Presidents' Listing" in the subject line.
- Call me at 427-6214 or email: [Palermo.galindo@cityoffortwayne.org](mailto:Palermo.galindo@cityoffortwayne.org).

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**Adam O'Connor - City of Fort Wayne Fire Department**

#### Deputy Chief of Ft Wayne Fire Department

- Need to be thinking of Storm Safety
  - Make a list
  - Get enough supplies together for at least a week
  - Make sure family knows where to meet and have a safe place
- Have new training class in August
- Everything looking good for City at present
- We have 16 bridges off limits to the FW Fire Department
  - 1 is in St. Joe Township NE
  - Maps on GPS on trucks telling them which bridges can't drive on because of weight limit and work arounds.
    - Ladder Trucks weigh 35 tons
    - Fire Engines weigh 17-18 tons
    - Gagline Bridge only holds 3,000 #s
    - Becketts Run and South Side Bridge will not hold ladder truck
    - Lincoln Village also has a bridge and it is not weighed bearing
  - County has more issues than City - response time will be longer because of work around of bridges

#### Mark Salomon - Neighborhood Code Compliance

Dead Tree ordinance gets tree cut but City reimbursed by homeowner

- They are sent a bill
- Lean on home is placed if bill is not paid
- If know of homes that are abandoned or empty and need securing or upkeep call 311
  - Order to abate
  - Secure the property
  - If anything must be done to property, they have a cost recovery which allows them to bill the owner of property
  - Put lean on property
- Cost Recovery for 2018
  - \$179,000.08 for weeds (lawns cut)
  - \$93,767.62 from local income taxes recovered
  - Civil penalty if repairs not made to homes
  - Vacant homes where lien put on taxes recouped from real estate \$360,533.83 with a Total of \$663,000.00
  - Money stays in the department to help pay for future issues and repairs
  - Unsafe building fund is funded with all the income generated from weeds, income tax, and real estate

**Mr. Crawford did not speak**

#### Gary Manes/Lindsey Richards - Right-of-Way Department

- Wanted to remind us of the 50/50 sidewalks the City is offering all residents

- Any side walks that are trip hazard
- Expecting double, the number of repairs to be done this year
- 2019 Projects on City Web Site
  - Greenview and Windier are two that are beginning in April
  - Projects on Washington Center up to Coliseum and Coldwater Road
- Hope to share a power point presentation in future
- If sidewalk still torn up in neighborhood from repair of water main or pipes call 311 and talk to City Utilities about fixing the problem

#### **Isha Preston-TRAA**

- February had 3086 calls
  - Compliance 91.03%
  - 529 Emergencies
  - 92.23 % compliance
  - Very Satisfied 79.1%
  - Have 8.5 minutes from time call comes in and time to get to the address calling
- Reminder CPR classes every month
- Safe sleep environment for children 1 year and under
  - Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

#### **Nick Jarrell-City of Fort Wayne Community Development**

#### **Dan Braisden (427-5694) FW Community Development**

- Use the Copenhagen plan as a model for the FW Companies Development
- Pilot Project
  - Using our assets to improve alleys
    - Make them more people friendly by stringing lights
- Tuesday Public Art Education Project
  - Next Tuesday 5:30 Arts United Kuchi will talk about art
- Mark Palley working the Public Art Movement
- In September 2019 RNC need workshop ideals

#### **Tom Didier brought up Administrative Meeting**

- Have 31 million in project
  - 30 million being used on infer-structure
  - Working on Goshen Road round about
  - Sorry to lose the Bait Shop after 90 years
  - Things going to change in next 15 to 20 years
  - Rib Room is up for sale
- Coldwater Road was done the way it was done for safety reasons
  - Cuts down on accidents
  - Many people are saying they take Lima Road and Clinton to avoid Coldwater Road because it is so busy

- People feel there are too many street lights and the Left and Right turn lanes are confusing

**Frank Suarez, Director of Public Information, Division of Public Works and City Utilities**

- If having issues with Red River Service call 311 and report it
  - If Bin broke call 311 to have replaced
- In 2014 the tax laws changed
  - Use the local income tax for our streets because over the years they have gotten worse
- Terry brought up that Burning Tree streets are bad and need fixed and the community has filled out the forms for 8 years and still no service
  - The streets are concrete
  - When Pine Valley was repaired last year thought Burning Tree would be repaired also because they connect
- Frank brought up that streets are rated every 3 years at end of year
  - Thinking of changing it to every 1.5 years
  - Concrete is very expensive because of trucking involved
  - \$don't go far enough; decisions are not easy to make
- 190 neighborhoods getting work this year
  - Dupont Road will be completed in July
    - Have made drone videos and if interested can see progress
    - This was a 12-Million-dollar project
  - State Blvd is in 2<sup>nd</sup> phase this year
    - Some of the local bridges on State Street will be repaired this year
- In 2017 increased tax helps keep jobs for the Police and Fire Department
- Get lots of calls about Coldwater Road
  - It was designed this way because of safety improvements and neighborhoods and businesses along the Road
  - Will evaluate signals - this is studied over time and then a decision is made

**Matt Gratz, Director Solid Waste Department**

- Great American Clean Up is coming up in May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - Still time to sign up
  - Any neighborhood can request a bin brought into their neighborhood any Saturday thru the summer (8-12)
- Red River has made improvements and know still not perfect but working on it
  - Recycling up and down and still working on the issues of drivers missing pickups
    - Call 311 and it will be handled
  - When setting out Garbage make sure not behind cars or something in way of picking up the bin
    - Put it out to curb and leave 4 foot between it and other bins

- Residents call sometimes, and their garbage has already been picked up - they did not look in the bin to see if empty
  - Cut down wood, cardboard, any type of building materials to 3 foot
  - Break down boxes
    - Contain it because wind will blow all over
  - Limit of 60 pounds of remodeling materials
  - Dirt, rocks, concrete are not to be put in bins they will not pick it up
  - Put all garbage in bins or garbage bags
- Trucks fill up fast and then driver must drive to dump and get rid of load and then come back
- Follow requirements:
  - Bin at least 5 foot in the alley or curb
  - Don't put behind cars or block with cars (this is a parking issue)
    - Ice issues this year was hard for drivers to walk outside their trucks without falling; had to have cleats on boots because of ice
  - Recycling:
    - Shredded paper contaminates other things in recycling so please put in a paper bag or drop it off at one of the Trailers that collect recycling
    - No plastic bags in recycling
      - Ace.comwaste
    - Can take old latex paint
      - Recommend putting kitty liter inside and leave lid off until it dries out; then it can be put in garbage
- Next Saturday - Tox Away; Future dates: April 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, September 7<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Off Carroll Road with nominal fees
- Neighborhood can have a representative take in Electronics and tires; call Matt Gratz to set this up
- Tours at Solid Waste this Saturday at 10-12
- H2O plant tour next week

Presenting a power point for an update to Red River progress and The Great American Cleanup May 4<sup>th</sup>

- Coyotes help with Deer population; reason for more in our area
  - If neighborhoods find this a problem, call DNR Department
- Franke Park Plan finished soon next phase working on it

Meeting adjourned at 7:48

**NEXT MEETING: APRIL 18, 2019!**

Thank you for your help to make the Northwest Area Partnership a success!