

# NWAP Minutes for Nov 17, 2022, 6:30 pm

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John Renie, Co-Chair, Bill Fiengo, Co-Chair - Judy Prost, Secretary - Rosie O'Grady, Treasurer  
Board Members – Sara Harper - John Van Naarden - Terry Sheets - Rod Vargo - Denny Zimmerman

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING the MEETING TONIGHT! (Please confirm your neighborhood's correct information on sign-in sheets (President or contact name, association name, phone, & e-mail addresses))

Bill Fiengo called meeting to order at 6:31 pm

- *Welcome!* Call to order & Introductions of members and guests
- THANK YOU - Northridge Baptist Church
- Introductions around the room
- Upcoming announcements
  - No Meeting in December
  - December 5<sup>th</sup> is Partnership President's Meeting
  - John Renie thanked fire department for quick response for home fire on Valdosa
  - Said there is technology out there to monitor your electrical grid inside your home
- Secretary's Report - Judy Prost [bluepurr@msn.com](mailto:bluepurr@msn.com)
  - October 2022's minutes approved by John and Linda Gospodarek
- Treasurer's Report - Rosie O'Grady [roentom1@gmail.com](mailto:roentom1@gmail.com)
  - Rosie not present and no update on banking
- Terry Sheets - [Facebook.com/NWAPPartnership](https://www.facebook.com/NWAPPartnership)
  - Uploaded minutes and agenda and any articles that are interesting for Partnership
- Denny Zimmerman - [Neighborhoodlink.com/NWAP](http://Neighborhoodlink.com/NWAP) [dendianz@comcast.net](mailto:dendianz@comcast.net)
  - Did not get agenda or minutes posted because his computer is down

***NWAP is very thankful for all monetary donations from neighborhood associations in the Northwest Quadrant!***

6:35-7:15

Reports: **(5-7 MINUTES EACH)**

Captain Dan Engrine, Northwest Captain – Chief Deputy, PJ Smith, FWPD

- Captain Dan Engrine reported:
  - 3 newbies
  - 3 officers on street were lateral
  - 36 going through basics for Police Training
  - Staffing is strong currently
  - Full time officers are 479 presently with hopes of going up to 500
  - A couple of officers left recently
- NW Quadrant crime is down 7.5%
- Stealing cars up 3% because of joy riding from younger groups
  - Mainly taking Honda's and Kia's because can use a flash or zip drive to start them
- Food Truck stolen from Shell station at Tonkel and Clinton
  - Owner wasn't happy with response of finding his truck from county, so he has moved to Florida

John Crawford, Captain, FWFD

- Not present

Mark Salomon &amp; Dana Christie - Neighborhood Code Compliance

- Dana Christie shared with us:
  - Total tall grass and weed inspections to date were 6500+
  - Had Total Inspections from October 19 to November 18, 2022, of 400
    - Residential inspections: 154
    - Workplan reviews and inspections: 12
    - Residential hearing inspections: 39
    - Order inspections: 95
    - Condemned and vacated structure inspections: 92
    - Commercial inspections: 32
    - Inoperable or abandoned vehicle inspections: 82
    - Order to demolish inspections: 0
    - Monitor inspections: 0
  - Still taking care of Leaf Pick Up
    - Can call 311 if in bags for pickup

Tom Didier, City Council (or Russ Jehl)

- Russ Jehl shared the following:
  - Homeowners apply for permits to build a fence or patio and City approves, it is up to homeowner to share that info with Association
    - Association Covidence will overrule the city
    - There is a disclaimer coming with the permits now
    - Must have a work permit for building from city
  - City Council passed some funds to improve small business (Non-Profit Org)

- If business were closed because of COVID city has funds and they must be used but businesses have to apply for funds
  - Have not seen applications from small business yet
- Federal Funds have offset shortfalls such as streets, sidewalks
  - Tourism was given largest amount of funds
- Federal Government gave us: 52 Million for City, 70 Million for County, 50 Million for School Systems
  - Over a trillion dollars

Dan Baisden – Administrator of Neighborhood Planning & Activation

- President's Meeting is December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Citizen Square
- There are 39 Neighborhood Improvement Grants completed except for 1
- 2023 Neighborhood Grants and will start seeing info Next Month
  - Neighborhood can get a grant again
  - Drainage could possibly be covered because of health or beautification for Neighborhood

Josh Campbell - City of Fort Wayne Community Development

- Home accessibility is available, just submit forms

Karen Butler – Right-of-Way Dept. [www.TRECtheFort.org](http://www.TRECtheFort.org)

- Not present

Chuck Reddinger, Parks Dept.

- Not Present

Fort Wayne Library, Erin Warzala or Rachael King

- Erin shared:
  - Hoopla Double Downloads for books ( 20 books)
  - December 15<sup>th</sup> is Harp Concert at Main Library 11:30 to 1:30
    - Great Hall at Main

7:15-8:00

The scheduled presentation this evening is **Ken Fries** from **Fort Wayne Crime Stoppers**.  
<https://www.facebook.com/crimestoppersfw>

Ken Fries shared the following with us:

- In Ft Wayne we have had 21 homicides and 17 have been solved by using Crime Stoppers
  - In Fort Wayne Homicide Police Officers have a good relationship with Neighborhoods which attributes to reason 80% are resolved
- Crime Stoppers only pay on Felony
  - It is an anonymous program, no names, no addresses shared
- Crime Stoppers is civilian organized, privately funded
  - His salary only is paid by City
  - 1983 in Indiana
  - 1967 in New Mexico
- Free Tip and Private App (P3 App)

- ken@crimestoppersfw.org
- Drugs are biggest crime
  - People steal for Drugs not Food
- Doesn't think MJ should be legalized because it is a gateway to bigger drugs
- Mental Illness is a big problem
  - People need not be put in jail but into a network or program that can help with mental illness
- Share good tips with police
- Crime Stoppers need feedback from other agencies
- When Crime Stoppers gets a legitimate call, the person receives his payout on Friday
  - 2 Board Members Go to meet the person where they want to meet, no names
  - Cash is given to that person, and everyone leaves

This was very interesting speaker and subject. Ken Fries is a great person as well as speaker.

- Note: As a representative of your neighborhood, please check if your information is correctly recorded on-line. Go to: <https://www.cityoffortwayne.org/neighborhood-registration.html>.
- Note: Over next two months, I&M will be contact homeowners concerning installation of AMI Smart Meters. More information - <https://www.indianamichiganpower.com/community/improving-ourcommunity/projects/smart-meters/>
- Note: City Utilities will also be replacing water meters over the next year through a third party contractor. More information - <https://utilities.cityoffortwayne.org/mywater/>

8:00 Adjourn.

(Conversation and Tear Down/Clean Up)

**Next Meeting: January 19, 2023**