

Southwest Area Partnership Minutes

March 19, 2008

Total Present: 63

Chairperson, Adrienne Maurer called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Justin Brugger of Fort Wayne Utilities spoke in depth on sewer water separation projects, such as the \$34.4M to build storm sewers in 11 areas and the \$65.8M project to handle storm water. He gave out the Sewage Overflow Reduction and Long Term Control Plan booklet to everyone which explains the plans in detail. He explained the criteria, the results of analysis, what plans are best, and the benefits of the planned projects in detail which the total cost will be up to \$239.4 for the total program to meet federal mandates by 18 years. The benefits will be: reduce overflow volume, reduce odor and trash, and a 91% reduction in sewer volume.

This will be the largest investment in clean water infrastructure in the city of Fort Wayne.

Everyone can help in these ways: disconnect downspouts from the sanitary sewer plumbing, create a rain garden, don't put fat, oil, & grease down your drains, clean up after your pets, don't put chemicals down the drain, and reduce water use by repairing slow leaks in your home.

Gina Kostoff of Board of Public Works spoke on water and sewer rates explaining only sewer usage affects rate increases, not storm water.

Gina Kostoff spoke on flood prevention projects like the upcoming Woodhurst area project.

Dave Ross, FW City Engineer, and Andy Dodzik, DOZ consultant, spoke in detail on the 6 upcoming projects focusing on the St. Mary's River areas: Woodhurst, Tillman Road, Park/Thompson, Winchester Road, Junk Ditch, and Fairfield Ditch all of which are currently major flooding areas.

FWPD Southwest Captain Jeff Hadley (427-1249) spoke on the Police Academy (427-1240) and changes coming about in the Police Department and with NLO placement changes.

FWFD gave an update on the smoke ordinance enforcement, answered several questions, and explained that Arson Investigators now have to be police officers.

Ken Nicolet, SW Neighborhood Advocate, spoke on the 2008 city budget, the revised "City Call List", the Great American Clean-up Day of May 17th for 9-1pm and the party following at Freimann Square from 11:30 to 2 pm., gave a handouts on Tire Program's 6 dates, and Unwanted Medication disposal of April 25 from 9-2 pm at several locations. Ken also had a "New neighbors letter from the Mayor" available for neighborhoods to give to new neighbors.

Neighborhood Code had no report.

The Minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read, leaving a balance of \$852.15.

Buelah Stoker gave a report on the Community Service Council (CSC), explaining it was formed in 1995 by Mayor Paul Helmke, has 4 members from each partnership plus various city department representatives, and meets the 1st Thursday of each month, addressing city-wide issues.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by
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