

Minutes of SWAP meeting, April 16, 2008, Eicher Commons, Taylor University

Meeting opened @ 7 PM by Diane Imbody

Matt Jones, AC Partnership for Water Quality discussed EPA mandate for storm water separation. His responsibility is to fulfill one of the mandates, which is public education. Need people in neighborhoods to locate and label storm drains and inform neighbors on proper practices for preventing illegal discharges to rivers. Eco film fest Sunday, Apr. 2, 1-7 PM at Indiana Tech Cinema Center. Also taking old computer parts for recycling.

Pam Holocher of NCE discussed commercial code ordinance currently under preparation. Ordinance will apply to commercial, business and industrial properties, including apartment complexes. Chapter 150 of city code will be presented to city council in late summer and go into effect in January of 2009. Call John Caywood 427-1118 or Bob Dinse 427-1809 for information. Paul Spielhof is also working on a vacant and abandoned structure initiative.

A question arose about the ability of NCE to handle additional responsibility when "residential code was not being enforced". When bankruptcy was cited as one cause of delays, Grant Shipley offered his expertise and services pro bono to NCE.

Deputy Chief Lucker said SW quadrant crime was down YTD. Of recent string of murders only one was thought to be gang related. Some were drug related. Have good leads in all but one case. Upcoming city budget constraints will put more responsibility on residents for vigilance. Police training for new officers delayed until September. Take home car program may be come under pressure although it results in more responses by officers and extends car life.

Officer Todd Battershell gave his presentation on crime prevention through environmental design. Principles are natural surveillance (how can they be seen), natural access control (target hardening) and territorial reinforcement (care and appearance of property). Details discussed included public and private access, obstructions form fences and landscaping, exterior and interior lighting, securing windows and doors, identity theft.

Fire Chief Kelly was introduced. Fire dept will give presentations on child safety (Take 25) at public safety academy May 24, 10 AM to 6 PM.

Six cases before board of zoning appeals were discussed.

1. Plant Center on W. Jefferson. Voted "NO"
2. Imagine Schools, Broadway for larger sign. Voted "NO"
3. 7230 Ideal Ave off Lower Huntington Rd. decrease footage for new (second) handicapped residence. Voted "NO".
4. 230 Engle Rd@ US 24 medical training institute inside commercial structure. Voted "YES".

5. 7000 Winchester Rd. proposed Parent retirement facility in flood plain. Voted "NO".
6. 460 E. Dewald additional off-street parking. Voted "NO".

Billy Riker reported \$844.8 in treasury.

Meeting adjourned ~ 9:10 PM.

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