

**Southwest Area Partnership  
Minutes  
April 15, 2009**

At Bethany Lutheran Church

Total Present: 60, with 39 signing the attendance sheet.

Chair, Adrienne Maurer called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Introductions followed.

Matt Gratz, FW Solid Waste Department, spoke on the city solid waste and recycling program.

He asked for feedback from the partnership and neighborhoods by a Services Survey which each neighborhood was asked to return, because the city contract expires Dec. 31, 2009.

The current program of unlimited collection with each resident paying the same amount vs. a volume based form of garbage collection was discussed, and limiting the number of bulk items per household, as well as a Single Stream Recycling plan with all recycling put into one cart

A volume based collection may have a charge of \$1 for each additional bag, or an extra cart for \$2 a month, plus 1 bulk item per month.

With the current recycling program the city pays \$109.79 per ton to dispose of recycling, and \$74.35 to dispose of garbage. In 2008 9400 tons of recycling was processed, and 98,500 tons of garbage was disposed of. Recycling volume has gone down yearly as less people recycle. Recycle options are: let the same program continue, or go to Single Stream recycling where each person would get a 64 gal. cart for all recycling to be picked up every other week. It would cost the city about \$3M for 80,000 carts which is costly. Currently only aluminum and cardboard recycling is profitable. Neighborhoods can sign up for a recycling Pilot Program for a city study.

If residents move out, leaving trash to be cleaned up, call Matt Gratz office on this.

FWPD Deputy Chief Doug Lucker spoke on crime statistics, sex offenders, and the May 16<sup>th</sup> Police Paint Over Graffiti plan and asked us to call Todd Battershell to volunteer to help.

FWPD Officer Todd Battershell spoke on Identity Theft. We can get more info by going to the Web site of: [ftc.gov/idtheft](http://ftc.gov/idtheft) or calling 1-877-438-4338. Identity theft has been increasing and will go up 35-40% more in the next 2 years. In 2003 and 2004 there was an increase of 61% in fraud and a 41% in identity theft. Identity theft is using a person's name, SS#, mother's maiden name, or other personal info to commit fraud or unlawful crime. Currently the young people are mostly victimized. Four reasons identity theft is up are: Legislators are slow to react, prosecution is difficult, people continue to trade privacy for convenience, and there are more and more opportunities for criminals.

Criminals can get you info from your trash, skimming, phishing, changing your address, and stealing your wallet, your mail, and personnel records.

Officer suggested everyone should get a cross-cut shredder and shred all your unnecessary personal information.

Ken Nicolet, FW SW Advocate, announced the \$250,000. Indiana DOT Safe Routes to School program grant for sidewalks and projects near schools to make walking and bicycling to school more safe. Contact <http://www.in.gov/indot/6090.htm> or call Michael O'Loughlin at 317-232-5653.

Ken announced the 2009 Fair Housing Conference, and the Great American Clean-up Day of May 16<sup>th</sup>.

The BZA hearing of April 16 on the Hamlets Development request for a commerce use building in the residential neighborhood was discussed. SWAP voted to support denial of the variance request and Carolyn DeVoe agreed to attend tomorrow nights BZA meeting for SWAP.

The Secretary's Minutes were approved. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved with a balance of \$576.67.

Winterset Neighborhood Association asked for suggestions on doing internet newsletters and setting up a neighborhood web site.

Mike Anderson of West Central Neighborhood announced a very positive project to be held tomorrow at 11 AM at Moody Park of Canterbury School students cleaning up West Central as a school project.

There was a concern about a dirt wall constructed by Lawn & Turf along the lowland, which was city approved, but may be creating a storm water problem for the area.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Marge Johnson, Secretary