

Southwest Area Partnership

Minutes

June 17, 2009

At Bethany Lutheran Church

Total Present: 48, with 37 signing the attendance sheet.

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

Andy Dodzik, Flood Control Program Manager, spoke on this year's flood projects of Woodhurst, Park/Thompson, Winchester Road in the Mayflower area, Tillman/Lincolnshire, and the Fairfield Ditch/Belle Vista area.

David Craker spoke about the Fort4Fitness 4mile run/walk September 26th which starts at the Baker St. Station and goes through many Fort Wayne neighborhoods and Foster Park ending up at the new Parkview Field. At least 5000 participants are expected. A Healthy Food Expo will be held at Parkview Field starting at 6:30 AM and throughout the day with healthy food, soups, salads, and main courses. Neighborhoods along the race course are encouraged to plan to have fun neighborhood events with food and entertainment during the race to make this a great day. For more information e-mail to: race@fort-4-fitness.org or call David Craker at 439-2551.

Mary Jane Slayton of City Utilities spoke on the sewer rate increase of July 1st. A question and answer followed.

Ken Nicolet, FW SW Advocate, introduced Palermo Galindo, the liaison who will work with the Hispanic community to encourage more Hispanic involvement in the city. You can reach Palermo Galinda at 427-6214 for more information.

Ken announced the Monday, 6/29 meeting at 6:30 at Eicher Commons about what can happen at Taylor University in the future.

Ken mentioned a new phone scam where the caller says you have jury duty and asks for your Soc. Sec. number. Ken announced the Day of Caring on Aug. 14th and to call United Way at 422-4776 for more info. Ken also spoke on the many upcoming events in the city.

The FWPD report was given by Captain Steve Haffner, who spoke about the increase in car crimes in the Aboite area and the increase in burglaries at storage rental businesses recently.

The BZA report was given by Marge Johnson who will present the SWAP petition to urge denial of a variance request in the Hamlets neighborhood at 6/18 BZA meeting.

Councilman Mitch Harper spoke on the issues with Aqua Indiana in the Hamlets area.

Applications to attend classes at the Police Academy to learn more about how the police and detectives work and to get a better understanding of working with the police department was discussed and neighborhood leaders were urged to attend the 5-6 week sessions.

Buelah Matczak spoke about the Aug. 29th annual Waynedale picnic and asked for volunteers.

A motion was made and approved for SWAP to donate \$100 to the Waynedale picnic as we did last year.

For National Night-out Against Crime on Aug. 4th, Tuesday, from 5-7pm PAPA will again have activities at Packard Park.

Mike Anderson spoke about the upcoming plans to make 2 blocks of Calhoun Street 2-way again and concerns about the tremendous cost for the project, which some felt was an issue SWAP should address to city council before they vote on the project. After discussion a motion was made and approved for SWAP to send a letter to each city councilman expressing concern about the cost of the project and its benefits to downtown traffic.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Marge Johnson, Secretary