Southwest Area Partnership

October 21, 2009

Minutes

There were 40 in attendance; 35 on the sign-in sheet.

The 10/21/09 meeting of SWAP was called to order by Adrienne Maurer.

After introductions, Gregg Walbridge from Earth First talked about the services that his company is ready to provide to the city of Fort Wayne in regards to trash pick-up and recycling. His company proposes a single stream recycling process, which would eliminate the residents need to sort the recyclable items. Only one container would be used for all recyclable products. He believes that this system would increase participation due to the fact that it would not require the residents to sort the items themselves.

Brad Kimmel, President and CEO of The ASH Centre spoke about the facility and what it offers. Their mission is to impact the lives of others and enhance the quality of life in our community. They currently offer an adult day care called A Day Away. It provides respite for families caring for seniors and adults with disabilities. They have an indoor Senior Walk, which provides an area for seniors to exercises indoors. He talked, enthusiastically, about the World Baseball Academy. They plan to expand their services, as funds become available. They have been fortunate in the funding; and have used those funds to make extensive improvements to the inside and outside of the building.

Proposed changes to the by-laws were presented by Grant Shipley. The most significant proposal was the method in which an item of interest is added to the agenda. We also discussed how the changes would impact items which require discussion and vote. An issue, which requires the support of SWAP, must be presented prior to the meeting, with enough time to be posted on the agenda. There was discussion about who is eligible to vote on issues requiring a stance by SWAP. It is proposed that each active neighborhood have a designated representative and an alternate so that there is no misunderstanding about whether the person attending the meeting has the authority to vote on an issue.

Doug Lucker reported on the current crime conditions in the city.

Ken Nicolet reported on activities in Fort Wayne and the Southwest part of Fort Wayne.

Billie Rykard gave a treasurer's report.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Imbody

Vice Chair, SWAP