

March 15 NWAP meeting

The meeting began with introductions of neighborhoods and also present were several candidates for this year's election. Terry Sheets, board member, gave a brief description of our new Face Book page she and her daughter developed. This will become another means of communication and can be reached at www.facebook.com/NWAPartnership.

Jim Anderson, Director of the Children's Zoo, gave a presentation of the Zoo beginning in 1965 recalling many memories for the attendees. The 40 acre Zoo has no new plans but there is always plenty to do. There are over 1000 animals, 100 employees and they host approximately half a million visitors annually. The Zoo is self sustaining thanks to the Zoological Society and several large donors. The Zoo has educational programs for school children and there has been over 32 thousand man hours volunteered. The Zoo has a \$ 21 million impact on our economy and out of 220 ranked zoos, we place at #6.

We heard reports from the following; NCE has a hearing scheduled for March 27 for 20 structures to be demolished. Brent Wake, NW Liaison talked about the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference coming up in September for which we will be hosting five states. Since Brent has moved on to legislature matters, he introduced Mary Huth who will become our Liaison. The FWFD is in need of a person who signs and you can call Mary at 427-1121. Also the Fire Department has only about 50 free smoke alarms left and a few alarms for the hearing impaired. They are currently checking fire hydrants and caution against planting tall growth around the hydrants for beautification also making the hydrants hard to find in case of fire. The FWFD had great plans for St. Paddy's Day including games, food, music at the Wells Street bridge including turning the water green.

Alan Laurer reported the Legislative session is over and we really missed the boat on HB1122 passage that allows the phone company to arbitrarily discontinue phone service to areas that prove to be no longer profitable eliminating land lines for those with emergencies. He also warned that the Inheritance bill and the Corporate Tax bill have been eliminated without funding to replace the lost revenue. If you're interested in following the Legislature, go to www.indianagovernment. The DAR teams are changing formats and will concentrate more on long term topics such as whenever an association becomes inactive and dues need to be collected and bills need to be paid what happens to the money until they become active again? Councilman Russ Jehl spoke of the road work at Auburn and Cook Roads and that CEDIT funds have not yet been allocated. Russ can be contacted at 255-4580. Deputy Chief Marty Bender noted home burglaries have really tapered off since their arrest of a one man crime wave but that graffiti and vandalisms are rising again. County Commissioner Nelson Peters, talked about the city and county police being together in the former City County building soon to be renamed the Rousseau Center. Ernie Weiss and Chris Fiengo both won attendance prizes and after the Treasurer's report the meeting was adjourned.