

November's NWAP meeting was called to order with the following neighborhoods present :Harris Meadows, Bloomingdale, Saddle Brook , Stonefield, Burning Tree,Lima Valley, Ludwig Park, Beckett's Run, Lincoln Park, Hearthstone, Riverview, Northcrest, Woodmont Ridge, Coves of Jacob's Creek, Nebraska, Edgewood, Lincoln Village, Courtyard at Dawson's Creek, Harvester and Wallen Chase. The minutes were accepted and the Treasurer's report accepted.

Judi Wire , Wells Street Merchants, talked about the Holley Trolley in time for Christmas shopping. Bruce Hayes, Beckett's Run, told of his experience at the recently held RNNC conference held here and showed the gifts everyone received, Terry Sheets, Burning Tree, reminded us to become more comfortable using our website and Face Page. Alan Lauer gave the Utility Activity report and noted there has been no meeting for almost a year and no one knew why. He also talked about a program with Parkview coaching seniors transitioning back into their homes. This is available for caregivers and hopefully will decrease future hospital admissions. He also warned that tough decisions are coming up regarding school reform and health issues. Meals on Wheels is streamlining their service by going to frozen meals instead of warm where individuals can choose what they want for breakfast and suppers for several days and then microwave them whenever they choose to eat. For questions regarding either of these subjects call Aging and In Home Services at 724-1200.

Mark Salomon , Neighborhood Code, announced the house at 2323 Wayside Drive has finally been demolished, removing an eyesore from the neighborhood. Jim Murrah, FWFD, thanked merchants and everyone who donated candy for Trick or Treat at our fire stations on Halloween. He also warned absolutely NO burning of leaves or storm debris and they still have a few fire detectors for the deaf available that they also install. Palermo Galindo, City Advocate, spoke about home improvement grants for low income families and that the President's meeting will become quarterly in the New Year. Marty Bender, FWPD, said crime was down 4 ½% for this year in spite of robberies, break-ins and copper thefts and that heroin use was on the rise again locally. Russ Jehl, councilman, talked about the Legacy Funds and reforming trusts while Darren Vought, County announced unemployment was at 7.5% and credited Franklin Electric for their move into our city.

Our NWAP elections are held in November and Denny McCoy stepped up to the challenge of co-chair and Betty Anderson, our long time secretary was re-elected by a landslide. As for our Board, Ron Neibel is stepping down while Rod Vargo returns as past Co-Chair. The last part of our last meeting for this year was spent choosing subjects and speakers we would like to hear from in 2013. Allen County Extension, Animal Control, SCAN, Trails, Riverfront Development, 311 and Smith Field were but a few of the suggestions we received so far but we encourage people to suggest others as they come to mind.

The last part of the meeting was spent recognizing and thanking those who do so much to make our Partnership possible. At the top of the list is Northridge Baptist Church and Ken Woodis for providing us with a wonderful place to meet each month. To Judi Wire for her generosity in providing lovely glass gifts monthly from her shop Great Panes on Wells Street and everyone who donated cookies, helped set up and tear down or made donations to NWAP to further our existence. We were thankful for Betty's return after successful surgery and recognized Rod for his service.

2012 has been a challenge in many ways especially replacing our mailings once done by the city keeping all our neighborhoods informed. We now depend on our website, Face Book page, e-mails, phone calls and a monthly column in the News Sentinel. We ask our members to promote these sites in their newsletter so everyone can be an informed citizen.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All until we see you again on January 17th.