

**NBN6 Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, September 10, 2007 5:30 pm**  
**NET 846 S. Clinton Avenue**

**Present:** Ruth Andrews, Joanne Balliet, Sue Bellinger, Barb Case, David Chappius, Lt. Frank Churnetski, Allison Clark, Dave Halter, Vessy Jivkova, Barry Jiyoull, Chris Jones, Alicia Lamphron, Joan Lindberg, Vern Lindberg, Ed Lindskoog, Denise Lippa, Gale Lynch, Matt McCarthy, Tim McGrath, Rose O'Keefe, John O'Neil, Sue O'Neil, Matt Perdue, Victoria Posner, Roger Ramsay, Allan Richards, Lisa Rosica, Pete Saxe, Tony Sciarabba, Eileen Thomas, Mike Thompson, Paul Urai

**Excused:** Geri Machado, Joe Machado

**Notes:** Joan

**NET UPDATE**

**Gary Kirkmeier**, the Manager of Rochester Code Enforcement, spoke about a grant that Monroe County was receiving which would be allocated to the City for an expansion of the City's lead abatement efforts. With this new money, the lead abatement initiative can proceed ahead of schedule in Sector 6. Work will begin on October 1, 2007. The targeted area is the Genesee River on the west, downtown on the north, Monroe Avenue and Field St on the east, and Highland Avenue on the south. In this designated area any unit that passes the visual interior inspection will have to complete a lead dust wipe test before the case can be completed. All relative Certificate of Occupancy cases, which remain open past 10/1, will be involved in the testing. A lead dust hazard is present if any one swipe sample exceeds twice the EPA level, or if more than 50% of the samples test positive, or if any sample fails an applicable second test. Any unit found to have a lead dust hazard or a violation of interior deteriorated paint must get a clearance from the private sector once the situation has been remedied. The cost for the clearance can run between \$140 and \$300 per unit. Gary suggested shopping around for lead clearance contractors. There is a list on the lead website, [lead@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:lead@cityofrochester.gov). As part of the grant money, the City will reimburse an owner \$100 for the cost of clearance up to three times. The lead law is targeted at rental properties. SEAC, the Housing Council and SWPC work on lead paint abatement. Owner occupants with children under 6 year of age can apply for funding. The County also has grant funding for lead abatement which can be found on their website. Ruth Andrews asked if an owner occupant could avail herself of the lead testing. The answer is Yes. Dave Halter asked how the geographic area in Sector 6 was determined. Gary responded that the area was selected based on the County's last five years lead investigation data. Visit the City's website to learn more about lead abatement. [www.ci.rochester.ny.us/PublicSafety/lead/lead-documents.cfm](http://www.ci.rochester.ny.us/PublicSafety/lead/lead-documents.cfm)

**Pete Saxe** said that the Fall Clean Sweep will take place on the east side on October 13, 2007. The meeting location is the NET Office at 500 Norton St.... The City's bulb give away will take place on October 20<sup>th</sup>. ... Stacey Estrich of the City Horticultural Department will be a guest speaker at the October NBN6 meeting.

**Lt. Frank Churnetski** spoke of assignment changes in the Rochester Police Department. Jim Sheppard holds the rank of captain again. The new Deputy Chief is George Markert.

The new east side commander is Mark Case. ... Lt. Churnetski spoke of incidents of “wilding” behavior in August by a large group of kids. Incidents occurred on Averill, Mt. Hope, Rockingham and Meadowbrook. ... Police are saturating the Monroe Avenue area with a high profile police presence. The recent shooting on Monroe Avenue involved a victim who was a known druggie. The victim and the suspects are all from the west side ... A recent traffic survey of vehicles on S. Clinton Avenue near Field St. showed that 85% of motorists were traveling at 37 mph. Mike Thompson said that the speed is that low because people slow down when they see the speed display sign. ... Please continue to call 428-5990 to report graffiti on public property. ... Joanne Balliet asked about a robbery in June in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

## **COMMUNITY SHARING**

**Matt Perdue**, speaking on behalf of the **ESCAPE Committee**, said that students planted flowers on S. Clinton Avenue on September 1 as part of the U of R’s Wilson Day. The church at Meigs and S. Clinton, and the Sunoco gas station were planting sites. Matt also reported that Paul Way of the City Engineering Dept. said that street construction along S. Clinton will take place in September 2008.

**Matt McCarthy** of the City’s Planning Bureau and Sector 6 liaison to City Hall, announced the next **Neighborhood President’s Meeting** at City Hall Council Chambers on Thursday September 27 at 7 pm. This meeting is a roundtable for neighborhood leaders. All neighborhood leaders are welcome.

**Roger Ramsay** of **Highland Park Neighbors** announced the HPN Super Pot Luck Dinner to be held on September 15. Named “**A Taste of the Neighborhood**,” the celebration will be held at the playground at Linden and Meigs from 4 to 8 pm. Businesses and neighbors will all participate. Roger distributed fliers regarding the event. ... HPN is working on its logo, name change, and newsletter.

**Tim McGrath** of **NBN Sector 3** was a visitor to our meeting. Tim comes from the Lyell Avenue area and was hoping to pick up some tips for good NBN practices from Sector 6. Welcome Tim!

**Denise Lipppa** from the Upper Mt. Hope Neighborhood said that meetings continue with the University of Rochester regarding displaced smokers in her neighborhood. Joanne Balliet of SEAC and Pete Saxe have helped with these meetings. ... Denise was happy to report that UMHN now has two webmasters and exciting things are about to happen on cyberspace.

**Gale Lynch** reported that **SWPC’s Wedgestock** was a great success. ... On September 20, at 6 pm at the NET Office, the South Wedge will host its monthly PAC TAC walk. Walkers do not need to be officially trained to walk with this group.

**Lt. Frank Churnetski** gave an updated protocol for **PAC TAC training**. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, a citywide PAC TAC training will take place at the Public Safety Building at 7 pm. Our own CPO Brian Bannerman conducted the first training session and about 40 people participated! On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, the PAC TAC recruit in the southeast is expected to walk with experienced PAC TAC volunteers. On the 4<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday of the month, training on the use of the police radio will take place at the NET Office. Parking at metered sites downtown is free after 7 pm. David Chappius verified that the NBN6 projector, used for PAC TAC training, will continue to reside at the S. Clinton NET office.

**Vern Lindberg** invited people to visit the two websites that he is maintaining. Visit [www.nbnsector6.org](http://www.nbnsector6.org) to learn about happenings in Sector 6. Visit [www.sefcsoftball.com](http://www.sefcsoftball.com) to see up-to-the-minute standings in the southeast softball league. Thanks go to Jessica Morrow for her work on the NBN6 website.

**Sue O'Neil** of the Azalea Neighborhood Association said that Larry Staub, Director of the Monroe County Parks Department, generously gave free tickets to Disney Mania for her neighborhood as well as Lilac Neighbors. Larry also gave Sue tickets for Seneca Park Zoo, Lambertson Conservatory, and Dentzel Carousel for putting up with the drum and bugle competition at Highland Park. ... Sue and Joan Lindberg (Lilac Neighbors) were invited as neighborhood leaders to the Parks Department annual picnic on September 12 in Genesee Valley Park.

**Joanne Balliet of SEAC** announced that the **Annual City Night** will take place on December 7, 2007 at the Academy of Medicine.

**Barbara Case of HPN** announced that the **Cinema Theater** site passed the environmental test regarding ground contamination. That was a necessary first step to secure funding for rehabilitation of the theater. Hopefully, contractors will be identified by the end of September.

**Chris Jones of BASWA** announced **free concerts** from 6 to 10 pm in two parks on South Avenue on the third Thursday of each month. The first performance will be September 20<sup>th</sup>. The parks are Star Alley (adjacent to 666 South) and the park at South and Alexander. Paintings and other local works of art will also be on display.

**Rose O'Keefe** was delighted to report that she will be interviewed by Bob Smith for a one hour call in radio show on WXXI. The topic of the interview is the Regional History Fair that will be held at the German House from 1 to 8 pm on Monday September 17. ... Rose also announced "Wake up to Local History" at New Health Café on 133 Gregory St. Slide shows are held on Saturdays at 10 am.

Sept. 15, The Frederick Douglass Family in SE Rochester

Oct. 13, An Armchair Tour of the South Wedge

Nov. 10, An Armchair Tour of Southeast Rochester

For more information, please call Rose O'Keefe, (585) 244-4558.

**Barry Jiyoull**, a resident of Swillburg, spoke about his project to obtain a license for a **low power (100 watts) radio station** in southeast Rochester. A 100' antenna could broadcast to a 3 mile radius. In order to obtain a license, a not-for-profit organization would need to be formed to obtain 501c3 designation. Barry believes that there is great talent in this part of the city that could be showcased on a local radio station. Barry believes that a local radio station would improve the quality of life in southeast Rochester. Barry has experience in the radio industry. Barry said that 6 to 12 very motivated people could make this project work, and he was asking for support from

neighborhood leaders. Denise Lipa suggested that this was quite a bit of information to digest. She requested that Barry write up a description of his proposal for the Sector to review. Contact Barry via Mike Henry at Swillburg1@aol.com.

**Joan Lindberg** announced a **Reassessment Meeting for the Lilac, Azalea, and May St.** neighbors on Wednesday September 26 at 7 pm. City Assessor Tom Huonker will mail invitations to the property owners in those neighborhoods. The meeting will take place at St. John's Home Auditorium, 150 Highland Ave. ... Joan also announced a public meeting on Wed., Sept 26 at 6:30 pm at School of the Arts. NYS Attorney General Andrew Cuomo will discuss **issues of concern in the Rochester area (health care, student loans, consumer protection, civil rights, environmental protection, workers rights and public integrity.)** School of the Arts is located at 45 Prince St. ... Joan Lindberg, speaking as the Sector Secretary, asked that people respect her email address and NOT disseminate it to other groups (MyChurch.com for example). Joan uses the Blind Carbon Copy feature (BCC) on emails to protect the privacy of the members. ... As Secretary, Joan does her best to relate what was said at the meetings. Minutes are reviewed and corrected by the Executive Committee before they are disseminated. Mistakes sometimes happen. "Pickup" instead of "Picnic" comes to mind. However, it is beyond the scope of the secretary's job to assure the accuracy of what is said. It is also beyond the scope of the secretary's job to mediate between or among members who disagree about the facts of an issue. ... Victoria Posner suggested that folks write out their Community Sharing for Joan, to make her note taking easier.

**David Chappius** announced that [www.NBNSector6.org](http://www.NBNSector6.org) is up and running! Vern Lindberg and Jessica Morrow update the site, which contains the minutes from the last three meetings plus the agenda for the current meeting. The map will soon become interactive, showing a user what neighborhood he / she lives in! ... Swillburg Rocks the Park continues its free concerts on Tuesdays in September with a performance of Long Lake at Otto Henderberg Park on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The first concert drew an audience of 45. The final two concerts are: September 18<sup>th</sup> – JAVA, acoustic eclectic music, and September 25, a Cajun Zydego band. The famous Swillburg food tent is in operation during the concerts.

**Paul Urai** said that the next PAC TAC walk for the HPN will take place on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Mike Thompson** of HPN thanked NBN Sector 6 at the meeting for its support of their newsletter. However, the recognition was not printed in the newsletter.

## **BUDGET**

The NBN6 2007 – 2008 budget was passed unanimously.

### **PROPOSED NBN SECTOR 6 BUDGET 7.1.07 TO 6.30.08**

#### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Green Initiative (Mulch, Light Bulbs, Plants, etc.)	\$ 1,250.00
Green Initiative (Meeting/Event Supplies)	\$ 1,250.00

#### **MARKETING AND PROMOTION**

Sector & Neighborhood Promotion (Signs, Flyers, etc.)	\$ 1,500.00
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## **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**

Sector Meeting Food & Refreshments	\$ 900.00
Sector Meeting Printing Costs	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>

Requests for Expenditures need to be received 10 days before the NBN6 meeting.

## **STATE OF THE SECTOR**

David Chappius distributed bright orange fliers for the State of the Sector Conference to be held on Saturday November 3, 2007 at School #12, 999 South Avenue. Neighborhood leaders were asked to flier their neighborhoods or insert the fliers into newsletters. Please see the [www.nbnsector6.org](http://www.nbnsector6.org) website for up-to-date information about this conference. Morning sessions will feature at least 8 developers in the Sector 6 area. Afternoon sessions will offer a series of classes for citizens interested in becoming involved in their communities. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Free babysitting for children ages 2 – 5 will be available at the Rec. Center. Free parking is available. The conference will open with keynote speaker David Driskell, NYC Unesco Chair and lecturer at Cornell University. Chuck Thomas, Rochester's Director of Planning, will give the closing talk. The SOS Conference is made possible by a NeighborGood Grant from the Community Foundation. The U of R is paying for lunch. Action for a Better Community is teaching three of the afternoon breakout sessions, and the Recreation Center is opening early for the children of attendees. This is going to be great!

## **COLOR THE MAP**

Neighborhood leaders were asked to use different color markers to define the boundaries of their neighborhoods on a large map. Not all neighborhood representatives were present to "color the map," this activity is ongoing. Ultimately, the map on the NBN6 website ([www.nbnSector6.org](http://www.nbnSector6.org)) will show neighborhood boundaries.