

NBN6 Meeting Minutes
Monday August 10, 2009
5:30 – 7 p.m.
Monroe Co. Parks Building
171 Reservoir Avenue

Present: Julie Beckley, Bob Boyd, Barb Case, David Chappius, Commander Jeff Clark, Ruth Danis, William Gerling, Officer Brad Goater, Dave Halter, Amy Happ, Helen Hogan, Cindy Knox, Joan Lindberg, Vern Lindberg, Geri Arno Machado, Joe Machado, Colleen McCarthy, Jane Morgan, Rose O’Keefe, John O’Neil, Matt Perdue, Victoria Posner, Roger Ramsay, Lisa Reagan, Larry Staub, Eilleen Thomas, Carleen Woodward

RPD Report

Officer Brad Goater reviewed the crime statistics for Sector 6:

- ~ There were three robberies; one person has been arrested. 105 Gregory St. (robbery with assault) is still open.
- ~ A building in the 700 block of South Ave. was raided by SWAT. Two people were apprehended, along with a shotgun and a stolen handgun, and a quantity of marijuana and cocaine.
- ~ There have been nine burglaries, most occurring in the daytime. No arrests have been made yet.
- ~ The panhandler is still walking around the neighborhood.

Officer Goater also noted that PAC-TAC has 30 participants.

NSC Report

Julie Beckley presented the Neighborhood Service Center report, giving an overview of the developing South East Quadrant team:

Neighborhood leaders from Sectors 6, 7 and 8 attended a Quadrant-level meeting recently to hear about the City's plan for reorganizing the Neighborhood Service Center (NSC).

The NSC team will be developing a SE Quadrant strategic plan that will incorporate the Mayor's goals for the reorganization, neighborhood priorities and steps for dealing with new development activities.

Current new development activities in the SE Quadrant include: the Culver Road Armory; City Gate; South & Hickory; The Hamilton & Erie Harbor; College Town; etc.

David Chappius noted that everyone was still trying to work out how neighborhood representatives will work within the new NSC structure.

Julie also noted that the City and County have received federal stimulus funds to be used for prevention of homelessness. The joint program will focus on those who are at risk for becoming homeless due to job loss and so on, not the "traditional" homeless population. Services to be provided by this program are still being defined. Those running it will be relying on word-of-mouth referrals.

State of the Sector – Urban GreenScape

David noted that the Urban GreenScape Conference has three budget requests, two of which are committed - \$1,000 from the NBN6 budget and \$1,000 from the University of Rochester (food). He asked the group to consider an allocation of up to an additional \$3,500 from the NBN6 funds of \$5,000. This additional money would go towards advertising the event (\$1,800) and unanticipated expenses. If not needed, it wouldn't be used. *Motion to allocate up to \$3,500 from the remaining NBN6 funds to advertising and other conference expenses if needed: Vern Lindberg; seconded: Bob Boyd. Approved unanimously.*

The agenda/program for the day includes breakfast, an opening speaker, roundtable discussions focusing on Sector 6's green assets, lunch and two sets of tours. The Roundhouse at Genesee Valley Park has been secured as the conference site. Information will be posted on the website: www.NBNsector6.org.

Community Sharing

Victoria Posner and Carleen Woodward both had questions about the final appearance of The Hamilton and the final designs of Erie Harbor. Bob Boyd responded that the developer hasn't provided finalized drawings yet, but that they are going to use brick, hardiplank and glass in the new construction. He also reported that there will be an open house when The Hamilton is done.

Bob Boyd also reminded everyone that Wedgestock is Sunday August 30th from 2:00 pm to dusk. Vern Lindberg's band JAVA is one of the featured performers. Neighborhood artists will be displaying their work, and there will be a cooking contest for Best Salsa and Best Cookies.

Carleen Woodward noted that the SE Quadrant Health Fair will be held on Saturday, August 22nd from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. at Monroe High School. Individual neighborhoods can participate. Contact Carleen for more information.

Joan Lindberg said that the Lilac/Azalea/May Neighborhoods' Ice Cream Social is tomorrow (August 11th), 7:00 pm at Warner Castle. All are welcome to this National Night Out event.

The Swillburg Carnival on July 30th was a great fundraiser. The event was fantastic, as always, even if the attendance was a bit lower than anticipated. Coming up in September is the "Rock The Park" series of Wednesday evening concerts at 6:30 in OH Park; five bands will perform. Spooktacular will be held on Saturday October 31st in the afternoon.

Larry Staub reminded everyone that the last two movies of the summer are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday at the Highland Park Bowl. *Iron Man* will be shown on Wednesday (courtesy of sponsor Toshiba), and *Kung-Fu Panda* will be shown on Thursday.

Jane Morgan, from the Hickory NUTS, reported that they've given out nine welcome baskets to new Hickory Street residents, and they expect to do four more soon. The NUTS are also interviewing/videotaping Hickory Street residents as part of a local history initiative.

The May Street Block Club had a very successful National Night Out dinner buffet at Geri and Joe Machado's home. The 53 guests were entertained by JAVA.

The UR Medical Center is offering free physicals to school-age students. No appointments are necessary, but there is only enough capacity to see the first 100 individuals who arrive for each program day/time. Physicals, including immunizations, will be given on August 20 and 27, and on September 10, between 6:00pm and 8:00pm. Students must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, or have a signed parental consent form. For more information, go to www.rcsdk12.org/healthservices/parents.htm.

Chris Jones/Business Association of the South Wedge Area:

BASWA is offering our South Wedge Swag to neighborhood groups at half price to purchase as gifts for welcome baskets for new neighbors, or to sell as fundraisers. You can see the Nalgene water bottles, 100% recycled dog bowls, pub glasses, bumper stickers, buttons, and other items on our website at www.savourourflavor.com