

## **NBN6 Meeting - March 8, 2010**

Monroe County Parks Building  
171 Reservoir Avenue

**Present:** Joanne Balliet, Barb Case, David Chappius, Bill Gerling, Officer Brad Goater, Cynthia Knox, Alicia Lamphron, Joan Lindberg, Vern Lindberg, Ed Lindskoog, Geri Machado, Joe Machado, Colleen McCarthy, Aaron McGowan, Nancy O'Donnell, Matt Perdue, Victoria Posner, Amy Priestly, Roger Ramsay, Lisa Reagan, Peter Siegrist, Larry Staub, Eilleen Thomas, Michael Tomb, Paul Urai, Carlene Woodward, Marcia Za

**Minutes:** Nancy O'Donnell

### **NBN6 Chair Carlene Woodward opens the meeting at 5:30**

#### **Crime Report: Officer Goater**

Report for 2/1- 2/28/10

- ✚ Area has been very quiet. "Nightly violence reports are quiet."
- ✚ A murder at 209 Sanford St is still under investigation.
- ✚ A recent event involved a "mental hygiene arrest" where a person was being evaluated at a Mt. Hope group home. The person became agitated and tasers didn't work on him. He "body slammed the officer [who responded] and broke his clavicle and knocked him out." A Rural metro worker on the scene helped to subdue the perp.
- ✚ Car drove into a house on Meigs Street. Officer got a car plate. Man was issued several tickets.
- ✚ NBN6 Chair Carlene Woodward asked for some clarification of the different terms used in the report. Officer Goater explained: Larceny defined as an object was taken) Robbery - forcibly stealing something from a person, Burglary in a house or building.

#### **Guest Speakers: Highland Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA)**

##### **Traffic Calming Efforts Team Amy Priestley & Michael Tomb, Marcia Zach.**

Amy Priestley discussed HPNA's current traffic calming work. The group is "all about quality of life" and "protecting children."

They studied a group, "Project for Public Spaces" (a nonprofit firm to build community) and learned that other communities are doing this.

Michael Tombs said that the impetus for the traffic-calming project was an accident at the corner of Linden and Meigs Streets (a fast out-of-control car was stopped from going into the condo by a tree).

They discovered that Dermotherm crosswalks provide a safe method getting across the street.

The group wants to be proactive.

Five goals: promote safe and efficiency mobility, accessibility and transportation.

Priestly said that by taking a “place-making approach” citizens foster active and engaged relationships at the places and spaces they experience daily.” HPNA has a lot of assets.

“The geographical heart of the neighborhood is the playground.

Priestly noted other areas that a placemaking approach: Art Walk Park Avenue, South Avenue (“SWPC and BASWA were instrumental in transforming it”).

The group wants to increase connectivity in the neighborhood.

Want to identify the hot spots. They looked at traditional methods – speed bumps, bump outs. Want to use psychological approach, i.e. “Place-making”.

Have had a number of meetings. People have voiced their concerns

Other priority areas include S. Goodman and Linden and S. Goodman and Rockingham.

City is listening to them

Plans provide signage at Meigs and Linden, Meigs and Benton.

- \* City officials are working with HPNA

- \* Goals to calm traffic, educate children, residents and visitors

Michael Tombs reported that the group will meet at the Monroe County Parks Building on March 23, 7 p.m., to talk about the summation of all the place-making initiatives.

Possible Solutions:

Install stop lines of Meigs and Linden Street

Install a raised crosswalk with an in-road “Yield to Pedestrian” warning sign on Meigs at the intersection of Benton and marked crosswalks on the other three approaches of the intersection Plain marked cross walk. 12-18 inches”

HPNA plan to have one better than the one used at Marie Daley Park.

Would like two raised crosswalks on Linden Street (between Meigs and South Goodman) the city will help them.

Slow Down signs planned. “Travel at the Speed of Life” (similar to ones at Crossman Terrace)

HPNA are embarking on the process with the city. Fine tune

“Chicane type treatment” a possibility. Green symbols planters 3-ft. square near the park would make drivers slow down. Won’t block traffic, might lose one parking spot. They act as a Visual cue to slow down.

Another possibility is to paint a street mural on all the segments of the intersection.

Another consideration is to pursue regulatory law around the playground.

The speed limit is too high. Ellwanger Barry Park isn’t near a school so they have higher speeds than other playground connected to a school.

Short-term plans– stop lines, sign – spring

Planters – summers

To learn more, visit [Highlandparkrochester.org](http://Highlandparkrochester.org)

Paul Urai, safety coordinator, noted the work done to improve the area specifically around the playground.

Michael Tomb also discussed the Art in the Ellwanger Barry Playground Project. HPNA has received a grant from Art Council of

## **Update Strategic Plan for the Quadrant**

### **2. Quadrant Strategic Plan update presented by Peter Siegrist**

At the Feb. 8 meeting, participants were concerned about language that appeared to encourage “big box” business at the expense of small business promotion.

Peter Siegrist reported, “Our Team was set to promote [small businesses], but we didn’t have it written in the plan. We’ve added clearer terms. The Plan is being reviewed by City Council who is interested in the whole quad idea. We’ve taken out any words that would allude to any “big box,” but some areas (College Town, Citygate) may have buildings from 20,000 to 30,000 square feet size.”

“Our push is to encourage businesses up to 5,000 sq. feet.”

Other areas:

South Wedge Point

College town

Monroe Ave

We’ll be re-posted to the Web

Each sector has a different interest.

Sector 6 – interested in small businesses

Sector 7 interested in greening

Sector 8 – policing

(75,000 residents in the sector)

Resident is concerned that not a lot of “two-way” is going on. We’re reacting after the fact. U of R is trying to change its zoning

The city’s responsibility to the sector and the quad is leaving something to be desired.

**U of R** Representative Colleen McCarthy wants to invite any comments about the college.

Matt Perdue –There may not be a plan for City Gate.

“They can’t have any more [neighborhood] hoops that the big developers have to jump through. We have to be reasonable”

Colleen McCarthy will present the U of R plan next NBN meeting and it will have in some info on overall presentation campus Master Plan, College.

### **Funding –Project Support Request**

NBN \$4,811.00 for Sector 6 – can be spent up to the end of the year.

Capital improvement dollars (\$200,000)

Bricks and mortar project in public right of way

Community garden in a vacant

Public art

Info kiosk

Demolishing city owned structure that are wrecks

Greening Project – project uses for vacant property that will result from demolished houses up in the northwest might be some in this sector.

Opportunity for community agriculture, community garden, overall greening strategies.

Carlene will represent the sector in meetings on this along with Kathy Betlem.

**Citywide Bicycle Plan** – trail from Elmwood up through the Park to St. John's Home, up the hump to the River. Brighton will extend down south  
Hired a consultant team – two local one international firm  
We'd be one of the cold weather cities with bike paths.

### **Neighborhood Reports:**

**ESCAPE Committee-** Matt Perdue meeting at Artisan Church to discuss construction

project – Project will begin in spring. Completion June/July. We'll learn about how traffic will be impacted during construction

**Highland Park Neighborhood Association-** (See main presentation) – ongoing HPNA art exhibit at Muddy Waters coffee shop to preview the one at the lilac festival at the gatehouse. Fundraising effort.

HPNA President Roger Ramsey reported kids' event at the Cinema 50 kids. HMNPA held a school choice meeting in January at School 12 to discuss what available options in city schools.

Ruth Danis – the group will meet to talk about traffic calming and art in the park on 3/23

**BASWA:** BASWA has a "Call for Art" out for artists who are interested in painting the traffic control boxes on South Avenue and Mt. Hope Avenue. This project was made possible by a grant from the New York State Council for the Arts and the Arts & Cultural Council of Greater Rochester. Artists who are selected will receive a \$500 stipend, and the painted control boxes will be unveiled at our June Third Thursday event. Go to [www.baswa.org](http://www.baswa.org) or [www.savourourflavor.com](http://www.savourourflavor.com) for the application and full details.

**Cypress-Linden Neighbors:** The Linden-South Historic District, which was added to the State & National Registers of Historic Places last summer, has received a grant from the Rochester Area Community Foundation (Lloyd Klos Preservation Fund) to purchase two large bronze plaques to identify the district; these will be installed in late spring. We will also be holding two History Night events, one in June and one next February.

**Swillburg Neighborhood Association-** Flyers for Swillfest were handed out along with bigger posters. Refrigerator magnets were attached. Band will be Raise the Roof. No children events but there will be children's prices. Silent auction planned.

First quarter of New Yorker passed out.

Swillburg going to quarterly distribution  
They now have new embroidered hats, full color  
T-shirts have 11 colors

**Rockingham/east of Goodman block club** - End of winter party.

**SEAC** - Housing seminar meets Monday night at Tango Café.

NeighborWorks help people who have housing issues

New street manager was hired - Joan Hillibrand

**Paul Urai HPNA** - PAC TAC

5/24/ 6:30 meet at NBN building.

**University of Rochester** - Colleen McCarthy will be presenting next month.

**Highland Park Bowl Concerts** - Plan for 10 or 12 concerts this summer.

First concert is June 25

Later a big one is planned with Phil Lesh.

The first date scheduled for the **2010 Highland Bowl Summer Concert Series** is **Friday, June 25th. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. Show begins at 6:30 p.m.**

**The act is "Further: Featuring Phil Lesh and Bob Weir."**

Ticket sales begin March 5. For more information, contact Larry Staub,  
Director of Parks

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**Meeting adjourned.**