

NBN 6 Meeting Minutes
Monday May 11, 2009
5:30 p.m. at Monroe County Parks Department

Attending: Alicia Lamphron, Cynthia Knox, Geri Ann Machado, Joe Machado, Joan Lindberg, Vern Lindberg, Joanne Balliet, Rose O'Keefe, Sue O'Neil, Bob Boyd, David Chappius, Larry Staub, Matt McCarthy, Matt Perdue, Peter Saxe, Officer Brad Goater, Joseph Campbell, Roger Ramsey, Bill Gerling, Barb Case, Amy Happ, Victoria Posner, Eilleen Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Notes: Eilleen Thomas

Introductions & Community Sharing:

Joan Lindberg: Lilac Neighbors.

On Thursday May 7th, two South Korean gentlemen visited Rochester to learn about the Neighbors Building Neighborhoods process and perhaps propose introducing it to South Korean cities. Matt McCarthy showed them around Rochester and answered their pre-submitted questions. Joan answered those same questions from her volunteer perspective. The visitors were especially interested in learning about Sectors 6 and 7. Joan Lindberg represented Sector 6; Rick Runyon represented Sector 7.

In South Korea, there is no government other than the central government in Seoul. The South Korean democracy is only 25 years old. It was fascinating to ponder how to adapt the Neighbors Building Neighborhoods that we have all experienced in Rochester, to a dense city such as Seoul where the "Neighborhood" could consist of a 25 story high rise apartment building. Add to that difference the culturally reserved nature of the Korean people and Neighbors Building Neighborhoods might have a totally different set of challenges from the ones we have experienced. It was a great, thought-provoking meeting. I will send these two gentlemen minutes of our meetings and other forms of communication.

Eleventh Annual Lilac Neighbors' Plant Sale 61 Reservoir Ave. Saturday May 23rd, 2009. 8 am till all plants are sold (usually 11:00 am). This is the Lilac Neighbors' Yearly Fundraiser. Plants are \$2! Any questions, Call Joan Lindberg at 244-1217.

PCIC Crime Statistics and Crime Prevention Bulletins.

The format of the RPD crime statistics has changed dramatically. Now the crime stats are raw data with no interpretation. If a person attends the PCIC meetings, questions can be asked regarding the raw data.

Once or twice a month, the Crime Prevention Officers of NSC will distribute a Crime Prevention Bulletin. These bulletins consist of helpful tips to keep neighbors safe. They are not data centered but they convey the experience and wisdom of police in the field.

Q: Shall I distribute the data centered crime statistics to the NBN6 email distribution?

A: Only if people ask for it.

Q: Shall I distribute the Crime Prevention Bulletins to the NBN6 email distribution?

A: Yes.

You can opt out of the distribution of PCIC emails at any time.

REMINDER: There will be NO PCIC meeting on May 13th due to the RPD Police Awards.

Sue O'Neil, Azalea Neighbors & Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery:

Azalea Neighborhood Association - The Azalea and Lilac Neighbors went on a tour of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School on April 21. About two dozen neighbors participated. President Gene Bay met with us and told us about the school's interesting history, current status and future plans, and answered our many questions. We were treated to some refreshments from their wonderful catering service, and then

were given a tour of the beautiful buildings, including the library, chapel and bell tower. We even got to ring the church bells! Everyone really enjoyed the tour.

Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery - Our Tour season is underway; we have tours every Saturday and Sunday afternoon through October. We'll have a booth at the Proud Market plant sale at Warner Castle, May 23.

Rose O'Keefe, Gregory Street & Local Author:

Gregory Street will host a family fun night at Marie Daley Park, Monday June 22nd at 6 p.m. at Marie Daley Park, with light refreshments? Rain date to be determined. Also, I am in the beginning stages of planning a Local History Fair for November at CSA church. Details to follow.

Chris Jones, Business Association of the South Wedge Area:

BASWA's first "Third Thursday- Art & Music in the South Wedge" of 2009 will be held Thursday May 21st at Star Alley Park (next to Lux Lounge). Free music from 8:00 PM til 10:00 PM by Carol & the Impalas and then Gifted Children. Local merchants will also be setting up tables in the park to sell their wares.

The Third Thursdays in June, July, and August will be our "**South Wedge Summer Stimulus Series**" and in addition to great free outdoor concerts, dozens of South Wedge merchants will extend their "ridiculous offers" from the recent Recession Procession for one night each month, during our Third Thursday events. Full details will be posted on www.savourourflavor.org after June 1st.

Thanks to all who participated in the recent **Recession Procession**, and many thanks to our friends at City Newspaper!

June 18th, also a Third Thursday, we'll unveil our 10 new **Totem Bicycle Racks**, designed and constructed by local artists for BASWA, with funding in part provided by the New York State Council on the Arts and the Arts & Cultural Council of Greater Rochester. These Totems will be installed near businesses throughout the South Wedge: on Gregory Street near Tap & Mallet & the Genesee Co-op, and on South Avenue from Byron Street to Averill Avenue. The Unveiling starts at 6:00 PM at Nathaniel Square Park.

Look for our new BASWA **SWag** – South Wedge/Shop Local merchandise at our June, July, and August Third Thursdays – bumper stickers, totes, pint glasses, buttons, and more. Support our great South Wedge Businesses and help educate others to do the same! Our campaign is called "**Put Your Money Where Your House Is**".

Best for Last: The long-awaited mixed-use development project by Konar Development is scheduled to break ground this June. A rendering of the project is below. This project will include (4) 1750 sq. ft retail storefronts (or (2) 3500 sq. ft) and 25 apartments above, with parking in the rear. The project will be located next to the Abeles Building (Mise En Place Market) on South Avenue. The façade is designed to blend in with the 19th century architecture of the area and particularly the nearby buildings. Kudos to the developers for their perseverance!



SOUTH AVE RENDERING

Joanne Balliet, Southeast Area Coaliton:

SEAC Annual Meeting will be held on June 1, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at Cobbs Hill Lake Riley lodge. We will be having a cookout for our friends and neighbors. There is no cost, but it will be an excellent opportunity for you to join SEAC if you are not already a member. Please call 244-7405 ext. 106 to reserve your food ticket. All are welcome.

SEAC is celebrating 40 years of community service this year. Our **anniversary event** will be on **Oct. 23rd and 24th**. A reunion event for those who grew up in the neighborhood and played basketball for St. Boniface or Blessed Sacrament is planned with all funds raised benefiting SEAC. More details in coming months.

The **Southeast Health Fair is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, 2009**. Place to be determined. Joanne will be meeting with Councilman Lightfoot next week to firm up plans.

SEAC is looking for any memorabilia from the southeast for use in our 40th anniversary celebration in October. We are looking for newspaper articles, photos, handbills, signage etc. of events that occurred in the past 40 years. We will return items after the October event. Questions, call SEAC 244-7405.

Amy Happ, University of Rochester:

Got Health?

Join us for **FREE** talks on getting healthy!

These talks are presented by the Center for Community Health, and held at the RedCrossTrainingCenterat65 College Avenue, between Goodman and Prince Streets.

There is plenty of free parking.

Call 224-3053 to reserve your seat.

Get Physical!

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30:00 p.m.

Do you want to get more exercise? **Dr. Heather Patrick** will talk about how to overcome the barriers that may keep you from being physically active. The goal is to get you off the couch, moving and feeling better. Don't miss it!

Tuesday, May 19, 6:308:00 p.m.

Confused about what foods are good for you? It's no wonder, given all the conflicting information about what to eat and what not to eat. Low carb, low fat? High protein, high fiber? **Dr. Heather Patrick** will discuss the basics of eating real healthy food, and how to enjoy it!

Kick the Habit!

Tuesday, May 26, 6:308:00 p.m.

It's hard to stop smoking but it can be done! Learn how to tell if you are addicted to tobacco, then hear **Dr. Geoffrey Williams** discuss tips on quitting and medicines that may help.

Tuesday, June 2, 6:308:00 p.m.

If managing all the demands on your time and simply getting through your day has become a challenge, a little stress reduction might be in order. Join **Dr. Michael Krasner** and hear about mindfulness, a simple, yet powerful stress reducer.

Tuesday, June 9, 6:308:00 p.m.

Many people are prescribed medications to improve their health, but often don't take them. Do you have concerns about the side-effects and costs of your medications? **Dr. Geoffrey Williams** will discuss how taking your medicine and making healthy lifestyle changes can help.

Upper Mt Hope Neighbors did their annual Spring Canal Days clean up on April 25th, concentrating on the area underneath the East Henrietta Rd bridge and the area behind Monroe Community Hospital. The Clean Sweep program on May 2nd was also a resounding success. Mark's Park was beautified and there are three new gardens. There is a general meeting on the Mt Hope Ave and East Henrietta Rd renovations on Tuesday May 12th at 6:30 p.m. at St Ann Church Hall.

Bob Boyd (SWPC) told the group that Dave Halter was at Strong Memorial Hospital after suffering a stroke. He is stable and would like visitors. Rose O'Keefe sent a Get Well card around the room.

NSC Report: Peter Saxe described changes in the structure of City government, specifically the merger of the former departments of Community Development, Economic Development and the Neighborhood Empowerment Team, into the Neighborhood and Business Development Department. Joan expressed concern with the lack of neighborhood input into that process; David concurred, especially around how the reorganization will affect the NBN process.

Pete noted that a Sector Chairs meeting on May 28th to obtain input into what services will be offered at the Neighborhood Service Centers and what work will be done by them. After the quadrant plan and staffing are in place, there will be a neighborhood meeting to get feedback.

Officer Brad Goater reported that the Police Department has a lead in the increased car larcenies in PSA 32. They're setting up the decoy car and hope to catch the person responsible.

Other Sector 6 Business: The State of the Sector meeting is scheduled for September 19th. A planning committee will meet soon to plan the program and activities. The current NBN contract with the City ends on December 31, 2009 and David would like to use the remaining contract funds to pay for the meeting.