

**NBN Sector 6 Meeting Minutes**  
**November 9, 2009      5:30 p.m.**  
**Monroe Country Parks Department**  
**171 Reservoir Avenue**

**Present:** Joanne Balliet, Bob Boyd, Barb Case, David Chappius, Commander Jeff Clark, Ruth Danis, Officer Steve Edgett, Bill Gerling, Dave Halter, Amy Happ, Chris Jones, Cindy Knox, Alicia Lamphron, Joan Lindberg, Vern Lindberg, Ed Lindskoog, Geri Machado, Joe Machado, Colleen McCarthy, Nancy O'Donnell, Rose O'Keefe, John O'Neil, Sue O'Neil, Matt Perdue, Victoria Posner, Mark Quinn, Roger Ramsay, Lisa Regan, Peter Siegrist, John Smith, Larry Staub, Eilleen Thomas, Michael Tomb, Paul Urai, Carlene Woodward, Marcia Zach

**Notes:** Chris Jones and Joan Lindberg

**Community Sharing:**

***Lilac Neighbors:***

The South Avenue Fire House was reopened and rededicated in early October. Neighbors toured the upstairs of the firehouse, saw the newly expanded kitchen, and met the firefighters. The South Avenue house now has two large pieces of apparatus: ladder #3 and truck #7. There are two captains, one for each piece of equipment. Eight firefighters staff the house at all times. Welcome Home!

***Jayne Morgan, Hickory N.U.T.S.:*** To date, we have distributed 17 Welcome Baskets to newcomers on Hickory. We've held a membership drive and will resume it in the spring. We recently planted fall bulbs in the flowerbeds along Hickory Street and in Marie Daley Park. Plans are being made to organize our annual Holiday Tea and Caroling Party.

***Chris Jones, Cypress-Linden Block Club:*** There are now 82 properties on Linden Street and South Avenue listed on the state and national historic registers as of August 26.

***Chris Jones, BASWA:*** BASWA is organizing our annual fundraiser "Swing in the New Year" to be held at the German House on December 31<sup>st</sup>. This year the event features The United Booty Foundation, playing disco dance classics from the 70's, and also local favorite The Isotopes, who play instrumental surf-rock. This year our event sponsors include Highland Hospital and ABVI- employees of each of these organizations will receive \$5 off their ticket price when showing a valid work ID. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Attendees are encouraged to bring a bag of clothes to the event to donate to ABVI, if they do, they will receive a coupon for a free drink at the event. Also, if you show your ticket stub at the Goodwill store you'll receive a 15% discount off your purchase from now until the event. Tickets go on sale November 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be at Historic Houseparts, Cheesy Eddie's, Coffee Connection, Boulder Coffee, The Keg, and Mise En Place Market. Come out on New Year's and shake your Booty for a good cause!

## **Neighborhood Service Center and Neighborhood & Business Development**

***Rochester Police Department Update: Officer Steve Edgett of the Neighborhood Service Center:*** there have been several muggings on Miegs Street that people have been looking for information about, they do not have any information at this time. The Crime Information emails – the RPD is asking that people please be careful to whom these (PCIC Notes) are being sent; this information will eventually be available on a website, in the meantime they don't want to hurt home values or upset people, so please use caution when sending this information out to distribution lists. The PCIC Meetings, held monthly, go into detailed discussions of the local crime issues.

***RPD Commander Jeff Clark:*** The cameras for South Avenue are on order, they do not have a date of when they will arrive or be installed. There will be one additional camera going up at Gregory and South Avenue. The cameras are not to be considered the end-all to stop crime, because more cameras are still all viewed by limited manpower. There has been no significant increase in crime in the Southeast over the past month. There was an assault on the 1400 block of South Avenue around 8:00 pm. The victim was taking her trash to the dumpster behind the building. The victim was knocked unconscious by a male black, 5'11" or 6' near Zwick's Liquor. There have been increased patrols in the area as a result of this crime. There have also been crime prevention bulletins distributed.

As for the vehicle traffic issues at Linden and Miegs Street, there will be a speedwatch and they have been writing many tickets at that intersection.

***Peter Siegrist – Neighborhood Business Development:*** An update on Karges Alley, there may be an RFP for it to invite bidders, or they may try to sell it to adjacent property owners. They (the city) are getting closer to a decision. The armory was purchased by Fred Rinaldi, who will keep it as is on the exterior and probably make it into an office complex. He is looking at the charrette done for the property and considering single family homes in back of it. No new drawings have been submitted to the city on the River Park Commons project, it is the city's understanding that the project is stalled because they don't have funding for it.

## **Budget**

Matt Perdue, NBN6 Treasurer, explained that the current budget with the City ends on December 31, 2009. It's a "Use It or Lose It" situation. Approximately \$2000 is left in the 2009 budget.

It is unclear whether Sector 6 will have to submit a 2010 budget in order to obtain the \$5,000 that has been promised for the 2010 calendar year. In December and January, the NBN6 group will focus on crafting the 2010 budget.

## **Requests for Expenditure**

**Ruth Danis outlined an RFE for the Highland Park Neighborhood Association.**

HPNA requests \$680 to improve the safety and walkability of the neighborhood.

Specifically, the RFE requested \$480 for 4 temporary speed bumps to be used adjacent to the park on Linden and Meigs, and \$200 to consult with a traffic expert, collect data and

continue the planning process. A Linden Meigs group has submitted a petition to the city for help in calming speed on neighborhood streets. The Traffic Calming Committee has met with Eric Frisch of the City of Rochester, exploring options to improve pedestrian safety. There are similar traffic issues on St. Clinton Avenue that will be addressed in 2010. This RFE will show the City that there is a groundswell of support to tackle speeding on neighborhood streets.

Q: Is the distance too short to secure approval for speed humps?

A: The Traffic Calming Committee does not know if they will get approval to use the speed humps from the city. A meeting on that topic will take place on 11/12/09.

David Chappius said that, after consulting with Matt McCarthy (SE NBD staff), he was fairly certain that temporary speed humps would be an acceptable expenditure within Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) guidelines. However, other traffic calming devices (statues on lawns, etc.) might not receive approval.

The City of Rochester has not approved the installation of temporary speed humps.

The Highland Park Neighborhood Association received approval for \$200 to help with planning, consulting and data collection. The group may reapply at the December NBN6 meeting for the speed humps if they receive City approval for their use.

**David Chappius submitted an RFE for the Swillburg Neighborhood Association.**

Swillburg requests \$500 to help pay for calendar magnets for their 800 residents. These magnets will highlight Swillburg events throughout 2010 (Spooktacular, Music in the Park, Swillburg Carnival, general meetings, etc.) The total cost of the project is estimated at \$600. Swillburg will pay for shipping and design setup.

The proposal was approved.

**Neighborhood groups are encouraged to submit RFE's AT LEAST 10 days before December 14's NBN6 meeting.**

**E mail the completed RFE form to**

**Sector 6 Chair David Chappius: [dchappius@crosbybrownlie.com](mailto:dchappius@crosbybrownlie.com)**

**or**

**Sector 6 Treasurer matt Perdue: [Matt.Perdue@wegmans.com](mailto:Matt.Perdue@wegmans.com)**

**Small Group Steering Committee**

Please email David Chappius (at the above email address) if you would like to be part of a small group to work on "Where does Sector 6 go from here?"

The city has promised \$5,000 in funding for 2010. At the moment, Sector 6 is recognized by the city as a neighborhood group. NBN no longer has sector liaisons on the staff at City Hall.

The Steering Committee will meet once before the end of 2009 to brainstorm our future, and possible sources of unrestricted funding. More meetings will be scheduled in 2010.