

MPNO Meeting – Minutes 02/11/15

Present: Officers Natalie Molnar, Amy Valleau, Ellen Gallavan, and David Potts; 10 neighbors; Officer Shawn Martinez; Councilwoman Jody Washington – 1st Ward

January meeting minutes approved with one correction

Officer reports:

- **Natalie** – 1) The concert application for our park this summer was submitted. We can use our funds for a more expensive band if we wish. Held Wednesday evenings. 2) Public service – look into “no parking” on one side of Britten 3) Michigan Neighborhood program – state program to assist in beautification and improvement. REO town has a designated main street so we qualify. 4) Save Our Lakes – pre-application is due next week.
- **Amy** – 1) The web site is up and running. 2) New domain – Amy can add folks to the list. 3) The template for paper news in Word is half done. It will be a PDF on website, and also on paper.
- **David** – We received \$192 from *Ty* from the T-shirt sales; now have \$412 in the fund.

Jody Washington – 1) Fenner Nature Center will host the Leadership Academy for teens (youth development program), 2) There is a vacancy on the city council. Applications due this Friday at 4pm. A new council VP will be voted on. 3) The mayor is requesting a charter change in the BWL to eliminate the golden parachute and have more oversight of the Board. 4) Jody will be at the Allen Street market on March 7 to meet with constituents. Internet: jottingwithjody.blogspot.com and jwashington@lansingmi.gov

New Business:

- New listserve: neighbors@mpno.info Email Amy to be added
- Website: www.mooreparkneighborhood.com Matthias has done a lot of work on the website; Natalie would like to see lots of news on it!
- 2015 events – 1) Natalie has reserved the pavilion for Friday, July 17th. 2) Yard sale – Jenny will be asked to coordinate the sale. ? early June. 3) Activities: concert; Reach team; walking and fitness groups. We need folks to coordinate these activities. Some have asked for more adult activities. 4) Carnival – Need volunteers to organize and supervise. 5)

Other things: dog olympics – held last year, and the new date is posted somewhere! “Just yoga” activity. Need to be notified ASAP about pool opening. 6) PSO lab said they would donate \$100/month towards sponsoring the newsletter. We could approach other businesses as well. Could we do bulk mailings through the new city neighborhood group?

Neighborhood Watch:

- Andy brought crime maps for Jan. 21-Feb 11, and Nov 12 – Feb 11.
- Officer Martinez – LPD is patrolling alleys, especially the intersection of Smith and Osband. 2 B&Es – a garage and an unsecured house. Truck taken at Ward Lock shop. Craigslist scam – seller (not from area) met supposed buyer and was robbed. Don't park too close to corners – Off. Martinez has issued warnings and tickets. The Sunoco is being sold. Other scams: people call and say they are from the county and you owe money for a ticket; or you owe a collection agency. See www.fraud.org Record serial numbers of valuables and take pictures to aid police.
- Neighborhood Watch will have a spot on the website. The public facebook page of the Neighborhood Watch will be shut down Friday at midnight. They encourage people to join the group.

Code Compliance:

- The “Bread House” church not clearing sidewalks. “Pockets” pool hall also not shoveling.
- “Direct Energy” – gas switching company. They are legal, but they ask to see your current bill. Call the Michigan public service commission with any complaints or questions.
- Noise problems in 400 block of Smith

Old Business:

- 501(c)3 – not enough support from neighborhood
- Park visioning – Natalie will get in touch with Dick Schaffer
- City grants – in process

Community Events and Announcements:

- Recycle Rama – April 18th, 9am-2pm at the Health Dept, 5303 S. Cedar
- Susan: “Action of Greater Lansing” – health initiative to attract sub-specialists in pediatrics to Lansing. “The Davies Project” – private volunteer transportation for ill children
- Call Paul Kolar soon to reserve your spot in the community garden
- LCC considering a certificate program in global competency

Meeting adjourned