

MPNO Meeting – Minutes 03/10/15

Present: Officers Natalie Molnar, Amy Valleau, Ellen Gallavan, and David Potts; 15 neighbors; Officer Jake Schmidt, LPD; Councilwoman Jessica Yorke – 4th Ward; Bob Perialis from the BWL

February meeting minutes approved

Guest speaker – Bob Perialis – chief customer officer. This position was created after the power outage last year.

1) The 20th annual chili cook-off will be held June 5th. 2) The BWL is looking into the problem of frozen service lines that 500 families have experienced for the last 2 years. The BWL is responsible for lines from the main to the meter. 3) The Sierra Club started a lawsuit about discharge from the Eckert station. There is little excess discharge from there and the BWL has self-reported these, which is what the law requires.

Officer reports:

- **Natalie** – 1) Parking on both sides of Britten – the city inspector will survey the neighborhood and assess the situation. A decision will eventually be made. 2) There is an administration fee of 10% through Kathy Dunbar's office. Do we need tax receipts? 3) SLCD (South Lansing Community Development) has moved into St. Casimir School and the office is open. There is an open house on April 14th from 4-7pm.
- **Amy** – The newsletter draft is done. Committees are forming.
- **David** - \$74.98 for a PO Box was given to Amy

Crime and Safety:

- **Moore's Park Neighborhood Watch** – Andy Eagle. 1) Least amount of crime in 14 months. 2) Mayor's grants denied 3) Handouts - City ordinance re: parks; summer crime prevention; LPD patrol division for March \
- **Code Compliance** – Code compliance charges have been increased. The percent of people who have remediated problems after getting a citation from the city has increased.
- **Officer Schmidt** – no new news

New Business:

- Amy has completed the template for the newsletter. She needs news items and MP history. Send these to her. She would like to have this out by the end of March.
- Parks and Recreation public meetings: Thursday March 19th at 6:30pm in the South Washington Armory, and on the 23rd at 7pm at City Hall.
- Mayor's grants to MPNO – We probably will get the grants Natalie requested (signs and movie night). There has been a hold-up at the city level.
- Jessica Yorke – Handout of map of lead poisoning. Grants are available for lead abatement (even for renters). Money available from the State.

Work Groups Breakout (based on MICHDA):

- Attendees met in 4 groups – organization, events/marketing, design, neighborhood reinvestment – to begin to formulate ideas for projects/plans/needs in these 4 areas.

Community Events and Announcements:

- Garden workshop series ongoing at St. Casimir
- Recycle Rama – April 18th at the Ingham County Health Department on S. Cedar
- Next MPNO meeting on April 8th at 6:30pm at St. Casimir.

Meeting adjourned



Work Groups serve to organize the various functions and needs of the neighborhood. They consist of:

Organization- organizes residents, business owners and community stakeholders in working toward common goals of the organization. The executive committee represents this work group.

Events/Marketing- creating a positive image of the neighborhood to attract residents and visitors, as well as promote community pride

Responsible for: social events, website and newsletter

Design- enhancing the neighborhood's physical environment by capitalizing on its best assets and creating an inviting atmosphere through attractive parks, home improvements, streetscapes and landscaping

Responsible for: park planning, neighborhood/park cleanups, plantings, home improvement projects

Neighborhood Reinvestment- create opportunities for residents to live in safe homes, improve their lives and strengthen their communities

Responsible for: welcome baskets, code compliance issues, coordinating with community garden for local food access, fitness activities