

MPNO Meeting – Minutes 11/13/14

Present: Officers Natalie Molnar, Amy Valleau, Ellen Gallavan, and David Potts; 3 neighbors

Additions to the Agenda: Shirley offered to host the December holiday party. Angel tree this year? Dorothy volunteered to coordinate, but not shop.

October meeting minutes approved

Officer reports:

- **President report** – From the **mayor's meeting**: 1. The city has applied for a grant addressing city blight. (Neighborhood stabilization initiative) There is a good chance we will get it. The city will target areas around schools first. 2. Parks millage. We need to petition our county commissioners to use some of the money for our park and the river trail. Matthias suggested a boilerplate letter that anyone could use. 3. The State is reviewing guidelines about marijuana. The police are awaiting these guidelines. 4. There will be more strict enforcement of snow ordinances. A tag will be put on homes and if the snow is not removed, a fee/lien will be placed on a person's property tax. Seniors and the disabled will not be tagged. Winter street parking was discussed. It was suggested that we invite Jessica Yorko and Jody Washington (ward reps) to our next meeting.
- **Vice president report** – Internet hosting will be discussed at the officer's meeting next Monday.
- **Treasurer report** – David does not think he has tax papers relative to the old 501c3. Dorothy thinks that it was not MPNO that had a 501c3, but a separate group that was formed in the neighborhood to address the problem of foreclosures.

New Business:

- **Committee Sign-ups** – Matthias has put together a form people can use to volunteer for committees. There will be a link on facebook/website. We have a link to the police crime map on our site. Could Andy Eagle put info from the neighborhood watch meetings on the MPNO website?

- Park and Pool – Natalie and Ellen attended the November Parks board meeting. The city plans to open the pool next summer. It has had needed –immediate- repairs, but its condition was termed “dire”. We will need to advertise and promote the pool. The city Parks board is looking for a rep from the 4th ward. Natalie asked the board for attention to erosion, fishing areas, hardscapes/historic structures, and the parking lot on the SW corner. The board agreed to send the park’s landscape architect to meet with us and devise a plan. Could we tie into REO town revitalization? GM has “factory town” grants. Could we connect with steelhead fishing groups?
- Mayor’s grant – application for signage for Moores Park neighborhood. We may only be able to have 2 signs made (\$650 for 2). Which entrances to the neighborhood should have a sign? There are 22 entrances to our neighborhood.

Public Safety:

- Amy reports an active drug house on Woodlawn. Police aware. CPO on site at the end of November. Neighborhood watch meeting next Wednesday, November 19, 6:30pm, at St. Casimir.

Community Events:

- The holiday party will be at Shirley’s house on December 10th.
- We would like to restart the newsletter. Amy volunteered to make a template.
- One family has requested to be a recipient of the angel tree program.
- Reach Art is having a fund raiser on December 13th at Impression 5 museum. Food and art work.
- Next MPNO meeting on January 14th at 6:30pm at St. Casimir

Meeting adjourned

