

NORTHWEST CITIZEN'S DISTRICT COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Chairman Leon Katzinger at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS:

Members present have nothing after their name, excused have (e) and absent (a).

Beebe, Timothy(a)	Beson, Steve(a)	Brunner, Judy
Causley, Jill	Coonan, Kim(a)	Courville, Pat(a)
Elliott, Larry	Fogelsonger, Gary(a)	Hoff, Miles(e)
Katzinger, Leon	Lefevre, James (a)	Lupo, Andrea
McCarthy, Dan	Neering, Jerry	Schiattone, Ann
Pratcshler, Bob	Trelewski, Jim	

Others Present: Charles Brunner (Mayor), Terry Moulthane (Staff Liaison), Officer Todd Armstrong (Police), Mark Ciaciuch (became new member).

MEETING MINUTES:

Approval of minutes from April 15, 2009 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Discussion of neighborhood watch. Mr. Mark Ciaciuch attended meeting to find out about organizing a neighborhood watch in his area (Bangor/Smith streets). It was suggested he contact the St. Mary's group or Kathleen Newsham, eighth ward commissioner.

M. Ciaciuch was invited to be a new member and he accepted.

Officer Armstrong commented on West side being relatively quiet. Some graffiti on East side. Police are being proactive on crime.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

Unfinished Business:

Bylaw Revisions

Final vote to make changes to the Bylaws: Page three, Article V – Quorum of the Bylaws focuses on changing the required number of members needed for a quorum from nine to seven and a change to include the chairperson in the quorum. Motion to accept the changes to the Bylaws was made by J. Brunner and seconded by G. Neering. **Vote 9 – aye, 0 – nay, motion passed.**

Update on Defoe Park Clean-up

The park clean-up will be on Wednesday, June 15 at 5:00 p.m. Volunteers to meet near Adopt a Park sign. SC Johnson will be providing shovels, gloves, trash bags and mulch. Prior to clean-up day, B. Pratcshler will do a walk through of the park and make a list of what is to be done.

J. Brunner inquired about cleaning up the Marquette Pocket Park (Elm and Ottawa) at the same time. It was agreed that the clean-up would include the Pocket Park. B. Pratschler and J. Brunner will coordinate the clean-up of both parks.

There will be a mailer for the park clean-up.

Mayor's Clean-up Day

Mayor Brunner commented on how well the Mayor's clean-up day went and thanked all that participated. Good project to get neighborhoods and CDC's involved. Firemen and Police were also very helpful. Republic Waste provided 3 bins (about \$100.00/bin included pick up) for each location. Approximately 1 ½ - 2 bins were filled. Some scrap people came around and picked up a lot of the debris, as well as Republic Waste.

Discussed ways to inform the public about the clean-up day. This year, Bay 3 TV had a segment about the clean-up. Also, clean-up day was publicized in the last word and events section of The Bay City Times. The compost give away was also held the same day.

Mayor Brunner indicated that promotional information was late this year because the City was trying to coordinate the clean-up with Bay County's tire and hazardous waste pick up, which did not work out. Next year will consider a mailer to include with utility bills and hand out flyers to CDC members for posting at area businesses.

Should there be fewer sites for next year's clean-up? Mayor Brunner commented that Bay City Manager, Mr. Belleman, supports the clean-up day and the number of sites for the clean-up. Maybe next year have 2 bins per site instead of 3.

Communications/Other Business:

Defoe Park – Yet to Do

T. Moulthane indicated that they are waiting to get electrical service approved before the shelter can be constructed. Engraved picnic tables are to be spread out in the park. A new charcoal grill will be installed. Extension of sidewalks to be ADA compliant. Use of the park is a first come/first serve basis.

Recreation Plan

The Recreation Plan expires at the end of 2009. Looking to the Fall CDC meetings to get public feedback for a new recreation plan.

A plaque was presented to Larry Elliot for his unwavering service to the CDC. He was also given a few trinkets from City Hall and Trombley House.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Katzinger at 7:40 pm.

Recording secretary – A. Lupo