

SouthWest Area Partnership Meeting

Minutes, June 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Adrienne Maurer, Chair. Introductions were made all around, and the agenda approved. Minutes of the May meeting were approved; Treasurer's report was approved with a balance of \$689.58 plus a donation made at the meeting.

Kelly Lundberg requested that we fill out a Quality of Life survey. This would benefit HUD with plans for 2011-2016. The city asked for representatives to the Fair Housing Workgroup, with meetings in July, August and September.

Our scheduled speaker, Pat Roller was detained at City Council meeting and was unable to join us.

Ken Nicolet, Western Area Advocate, reported that Fort Wayne is urging Navistar to remain in our community. He introduced our new Deputy Mayor, Beth Malloy, and Chief PIO, Joe Fox.

Mike McQueen, FWPD reported crime was down again. Major apprehensions had been made by the B and C shifts, which would lower the anticipated number of thefts from vehicles. He also demonstrated his Taser gun, acquainting us with some of the interesting points of its use. K2 was discussed, with a prediction that it will be made illegal.

National Night Out is to be held August 3rd at Packard Park. It was moved, seconded and voted to support the event with a donation of \$200.00. It was also moved, seconded and voted to support the Waynedale Picnic with a \$200.00 donation.

Jim Murua, DE FWFD spoke of the laws regarding fireworks. He also informed us of the August 20th Public Safety Day to be held at George's International on Broadway.

BZA issues included an update on the Brooks Construction proposal for a recycling plant on Banks Avenue. They withdrew their applications. The Lawn and Turf issue had gone to court and was waiting for the Court's decision. Judge Nancy Boyer is considering her decision. Carolyn De Voe stated that she had learned in the court proceedings that City Attorney Carol Taylor had been diligent and persistent in the pursuit of justice in this case, and that her rant about Ms. Taylor's inaction was unjustified.

James Sechler noted that the community wants input on the Garbage Collection Contract. Adrienne reported the progress of the study committee. We informally urged her to press for Best Practices agreements.

We adjourned until August 18, 2010.

