

South West Area Partnership Meeting

October 19, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Adrienne Maurer. After introductions all around, the agenda was approved, as well as the minutes from September's meeting, and the Treasurer's report. Many thanks go to Woodhurst Assn. for a check for \$200.00 for our operating budget. Our present balance is \$433.67.

Allen County Recorder John McGauley presented a wealth of information about the services his office offers. Most of the items are available online, especially the neighborhood covenants, veteran's records, our property deeds, many health certificates, etc. Those items deemed private, such as a veteran's record are shielded from public view. The collection of covenants at the Recorder's Office shows 7500 sets of records in Allen County, including original plats. It is online, and an easily accessed resource for Neighborhood organizations.

Another service provided by the Recorder's Office is the quick and easy "Transfer on Death Deed" of property by registering a transfer, i.e. "Upon my passing, I want _____ to have my house at _____". This keeps the property out of probate and moves things along quickly.

We can also record our birth certificates, health certificates, immigration information, and many other items, such as quit claim deeds. These items are easily available for our survivors, help prevent fraud and many times prevent family-on-family fraud.

Brent Wake, Community Liaison, presented information about the professional services agreement for alleyways. For more information contact him at 427-2625. Also, the Local Businesses Façade Grant is available on a matching 1 to 1 grant, up to \$20k. Multi-businesses may qualify for a \$40k matching grant. Contact Alice Tourkow on the City website.

DC Dottie Davis, FWPd reported copper thieves are busy again, with copper at \$3.50+/lb. Keep a sharp eye out for people stealing wire, messing with storage sheds and stealing brass or bronze cemetery urns. Catalytic converters are another prized metal source, as are storm sewer covers. Note to the wise, watch where you walk.

It was brought to D C Davis's attention that Officer Dan Tyler, former assn. president, had still not returned the historic records of the Brentwood Terrace Neighborhood Assn.

DC Jim Murua reported the open house at Safety Village and the fire prevention activities engaged upon each fall. Among things we learned was that most smaller-sized household fire extinguishers have a shelf life of five years and need to be recycled.

In BZA and Planning news, signs were discussed, and the approval process for changes in size and lighting. The design standards for Gateway signs will be discussed soon.

In Old Business, nominations for SWAP officers may be sent to Grant Shipley or Anita Weyer. Among those who agreed to run are Deb Dambra, Vice Chair; Connie Oller-Heston, Secy; Billie Rykard, Treas.; and Carolyn De Voe, Chair.

Radon tests are available at the Health Dept, Citizens Square or the Vector Control Office at 2242 Carroll Rd. You may want to call before traveling to the Carroll Rd site. 449-7473.

We adjourned to November 16, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn De Voe, Secretary

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