



TNT Area 6 ~ Eastwood

Huntington Elementary School

Monday, November 28th, 2016 at 7pm



Minutes: Facilitator David Lima

Attendees David Baker, Lisa Matthews, Stephen Skinner, Jimmy Monto, Mike Behnke, Peggy Chase County Legislature, Councilmembers Nader Maroun & Jean Kessner, Sgt. Croft SPD

Review of Minutes Jerry Haas made the motion to approve, Mike Behnke 2nd All approved

Issues for City: Officer Sgt. Croft Report from October 21 – November 28

- Shots fired on 500 block N. Cliffe Ave, no suspect other than a black man
- Assault on Mooney Ave, a man assaulted another man both were not residents of Eastwood
- Burglary 900 Block of Glenclove. Rear door of garage door kicked in, tools stolen. 2-3 teens seen
- Bank Robbery, suspect identified, no yet caught
- Stabbing near Pompcoc was over road rage between a pedestrian and a driver. Pedestrian threw hammer at car, driver got out and stabbed pedestrian
- Stabbing at Centro Bus stop. Police are searching for the homeless man identified as the stabber. He is mentally unstable.
- Police presence on Halloween, Sgt Croft himself was driving around Eastwood that night. He also had to cover the Far Northside as well.

Q. 1st snow storm this year, who is the officer to write the tickets for the snow plows?

A. DPW supervisors can write tickets. There is an ordinance that requires people to remove snow from their sidewalks, but no penalty for not doing it. Call 448-City. This will route all your complaints to the proper department. Whether that would be DPW or the police. Sgt. Croft's office number 448-8650

A resident stated that the common council needs to beef up the ordinance.

Q. 448-City doesn't do much on Saturday. Is there anything better to get word to the police?

A. No, police will get the message on Monday.

Q. Issues with Parks at night. Neighbors have called and got no response. Kids shot in the park over the summer, etc.

A. Winter months there is no police patrol. There is only 1 officer on at night in Eastwood in they're not on calls. Officers do not usually have time to sit around, usually on one call after another. Academy currently underway, new class out before summer.

Q. Can you get together with Lt. Shoff to put together a statistical analysis of crime in Eastwood?

A. Sgt. Croft things it could be done

Nader Maroun stated that you can currently go to Syracusepolice.org and view their yearly report which breaks down criminal activity per neighborhood. Missy stated she would pull the crime statistics down from the police website and provide an update to the group in January.

Q. How many are on nightshift in city?

A. 10pm – 7am there are 20-24 officers citywide on overnight hours. That includes 5 supervisors.

A resident stated "Big Thanks to what you do". Sgt. Croft stated that officers appreciate the gratitude remark as it helps them with moral.

Presentation: Joe O'Hara Executive Director DeFrancisco Community Center

- In 2003 the building was in disrepair, through 9 different funding sources they were able to raise \$859,000 for interior improvements. The funding to support the center from specific grants

Q. When Peace took over the building, there were kinds there. They had access to a computer and foosball table. What would the center need to add hours to the community center, into the evening hours?

A. Need a full time staff person. There's a lot of liability with youngsters. Mr. O'Hara would be glad to write grants to extend hours but it needs to be structured. They are considered Low Risk grant writers because they play by the rules of the grant. If you develop a youth program plan, submit it to Joe O'Hara.

Q. A resident stated that the elevator was put in the building specifically for the youth.

A. The center put in the elevator to comply with the ADA

Q. What is on the 2nd floor?

A. Meetings, Breakfast pizza, coffee

David Lima stated the 'Community Affairs' committee was put together to address the community center. It is headed by David Lima. If others would like to join, contact him. More information to follow in February.

Everyone who lives, works, or owns property in the Eastwood area is a member of the Eastwood TNT and is welcome to speak and vote at all meetings of the Eastwood TNT.

Eastwood Facilitators

David Baker

Stephen Skinner

Jimmy Monto

David Lima

Lisa Matthews

TNT-6 meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m, unless otherwise announced.

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Special Projects: David Lima read the description of the Special Projects off the agenda to the group

- Mike Behnke proposed Interpretive Obama Sign at the Henninger Rain Garden. This sign would provide insight into the plants in the garden and the date Obama came to the school. This is a maintenance proposal
- Mike Parzych proposed a volley ball net for Eastwood Heights and one on the baseball field near skate park.
- Nader strongly suggested TNT put together proposals and submit to the Parks department and copy him in so that as departments build their budgets for next year, these proposals can be taken into consideration. December/January is best
- Lisa Matthews communicated that the number of Eastwood Flags could increase from 40 to 54 to cover the business district. Jimmy Monto would assist in this project. ENA wants specific flag holder of better quality so they last longer. Nader requested a copy/picture of the flag holder to him, as he might be able to assist.
- Eastwood Heights has a snapped bench. The bench style Lisa Matthews likes is the Estate Bench design consistent with the ones on James ST. A resident suggested using the benches with concrete sides and wooden slats as it would be significantly cheaper than the \$900+ bench. Lisa was open to discussion.
- Pathway to Sheridan park has already been approved.

Committee Updates

- 1) **Beautification:** Lisa Matthews & Jimmy Monto
- 2) **Parks:** Mike Behnke, Dan Horan, David Lima
- 3) **Business:** Stephen Skinner
- 4) **Housing & Marketing:** David Baker & Mike Behnke
- 5) **Community Affairs:** David Lima

In regards to the Community Affairs Committee, A resident asked how a new committee is started and how is it chosen? David Lima responded that anyone is more than welcome to bring an idea to the facilitators to make the approval.

● Eastwood Heights Parks Association Dan Horan stated that they have spoken to an architect about a developing a master plan for Eastwood Heights. What it will look like will be dictated by the landscape of the park. If you have suggestions, bring them with you to the meetings. Dan stated that a letter was sent to the Parks Commissioner about 4-5 weeks ago asking to put a playground in Eastwood Heights Park. Nader asked the letter be sent to him and he would follow up with the commissioner. This is the kind of example Nader was speaking of earlier in regards to ideas submitted now during the budget planning. Also, make sure you think about maintenance when you put something together as the city may not be able to afford the upkeep.

Q. Who is the firm?

A. Private landscape architect who works for a firm, doing this on the side.

- Business report. Stephen Skinner stated that the Walter Price Funeral home is for sale again. James Methodist Church is for sale. It is a unique space but must be used for religious purposes. The Palace Theater is owned by Stephen Skinner, since the closing in mid-September. Stephens Church group, Forward Point, has offered to use their rights to movies for a once a week free family friendly movie night
- Beautification Update. Lisa Matthews stated that Centro will be looking at the statistics of Traffic flow at North Ave & James St as well as Mosely Drive & James St. A resident suggested Centro put on the bus shelters 'Eastwood'

Facilitator Nomination

Mike Parzych nominated David Haas and Missy Zawacki for Eastwood Facilitators. Their nominations were denied by the facilitators, stating that elections only happen in September. Mike Parzych stated that last month David Lima was elected. Mike Behnke clarified that this was a board appointment, not a facilitator election.

Announcements

- 1) Wednesday, 6pm Tree Lighting. Immediately go to Palace Theater afterwards for Milk and Cookies. Elf the movie will be playing with an entrance fee (unless you bring a wrapped toy for a child). Kids 5 and under are free. There will be Henniger students singing carols.
- 2) Knights of Columbus collected enough money for 630 coats. 500 have been distributed thus far.
- 3) Nader Maroun wanted to give thanks to everyone, all have been like family over the 7 years he has served in the Common Council. He has one more year to go. It stated "You're all what makes it good"
- 4) No December Meeting

Q. What is happening with the little library?

A. Post is up Artist is done with painting the design on it. It will be installed later this month.

Jimmy Monto has an extra library in his car. It was suggested one be placed on the North side of Eastwood. Someone has to steward the library. A resident suggested Eastwood Homes.