

## Welcome and Introductions

November meeting minutes were reviewed and corrected. Motion to approve by Liz Handler and seconded by Bob Dougherty.

SPD Officer Joe Evans distributed a map of recent crime reports in the area. Several reports involved motor vehicle vandalism or larceny. Two stolen vehicles were recovered nearby and one stolen vehicle was apprehended on Hopper Road; three in the car were arrested. Break-ins included a domestic incident where property was taken. A Midland Avenue resident reported that school dismissal issues are happening repeatedly (at the time police shifts change). One of the local Neighborhood Watch groups meets at Van Duyn School on the first Thursday. Councilor Sue Boyle offered to take security video to SCSD administration.

Presentation: Commissioner Pete O'Connor spoke about DPW services in the Valley. Issues can be reported to CITY-line (448-CITY /448-2489). Decisions on when to repave streets are made according to a ratings system (1-10) then by budget limits. DPW doesn't always get the funds they request. Higher traffic and school access streets take priority. Repaving is coordinated with National Grid following the DIG Once plan (moratorium on non-emergency street work within 8-10 years since last construction). Street ratings are online and Commissioner O'Connor can get next year's plan sent out to residents.

New epoxy paint will be used to address concerns that road paints aren't long-lasting enough. Training is required and epoxy trucks will be used next year. Some work is contracted out and some is done in-house. Commissioner O'Connor also spoke about synchronized traffic lights that are already operative, and others are planned. Residents on E. Seneca Turnpike expressed concerns that the plows are not following the contours of the road going up the hill, and at the Rock Cut Road turn toward 481. Safer pedestrian crossing at South Salina and Seneca Turnpike is another concern. DPW has a Rapid Response road crew for safety issues. The issue of new sidewalks mandated between Munson and Salina came out of the Engineering Dept. DPW has input, but not leadership on this. Trash collection for homes and apartments up to ten units are handled by DPW. Violations start at truck time when the reports go to Rapid Response team. Unpaid fines go on owners' taxes. Other concerns voiced were the right-on-red now being allowed at Ballantyne and Salina, and the quality of the slurry used last year between Dorwin Avenue and St. James, creating approximately 30 bumps in the road similar to pot holes. Commissioner O'Connor agreed to drive it himself to assess that section of the road.

Presentation #2: Developer Joe Hucko spoke about plans for a mix-use development at the abandoned brownfield property between Dunkin' Donuts and the apartment buildings across from Kinney Drugs on Brighton Avenue. He has met with the Planning Commission and with representatives from this TNT in order to get approval of the proposed work, and subsequently has eliminated a slip lane and will use two traffic lights with crosswalks and ADA corners. He has submitted a new storm-water plan to the city. DPW will install a pedestrian refuge island at the crosswalk. Plans include underground parking, two bedroom apartments, and several diverse retail spaces. He hopes to start work in the spring, and the project is expected to take two years to complete.

Common Councilor Susan Boyle announced funding has been obtained from Senator Valesky's office to get the Meachem Field sign back online as well as fencing at Burnet Park.

Funding for Sector projects discussion:

Carl Sharak, Citywide TNT Treasurer, discussed the need to have our projects approved early enough to be completed and paid for by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He suggested that we start putting together our proposals now and we should be prepared to carry the projects through to a timely completion in order to comply with the city's current funding requirements. Projects discussed were a gazebo at Meachem Field (that the city doesn't want), bike racks, trash cans at Atlantic and Ballantyne near VanDuyn, and speed readers (\$750 and \$1500). Carl will be proposing we purchase the speed readers, one of each and is willing to take leadership on bringing it to pass. Kathy Stribley will submit a proposal for a sign at the sculpture. Weatherization of the SU/SCSD mosaics project is on hold.

Update on last year's bench project -Sue Boyle obtained two trees which have been planted to shade the bench we had installed on Salina Street.

Announcements

- Webster Pond Neighborhood Watch voted to cancel their December meeting. Holiday party will be January 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.
- Webster Pond 2017 calendars are out now (\$10 each) and available at the Pond.
- Santa will be at Webster Pond for photos Saturday, 12/17 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Meachem Area Parks Association meets next Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> -starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Cecile Center.
- MAPA "Lights in the Valley" will take place again this year, details coming next month.
- I-81 Forum will be held Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at Southside Innovation Center.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Bob Dougherty, seconded by Bill Kinne.

Next Valley TNT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at the Cecile Center at 7:00 p.m.