

Welcome and Introductions: Residents, and City Departments

Approval of April 2016 minutes: Motion by Rick Baldwin, seconded by Marilyn Madison, motion carried.

SPD Officer Evans discussed recent criminal activity and distributed a map showing reports in the Valley during the past month including copper theft on W. Cheltenham, shots fired on Ferndale-may be gang-related, a phone taken from a student on the way home from school, 4 car larceny reports on Chaffee-cars were unlocked and losses were a GPS, shades and spare change; A report where \$2000 was taken from under a mattress-family member is suspected; and a garage burglary on Maxwell Avenue. The problem with ATV's on the roads and sidewalks continues throughout the city. Current policy is to not chase them, no pursuits. Juveniles cannot be arrested, but the vehicle is confiscated, impounded and documentation is required before it can be returned. Business reports include a shooting at Valley Superette that was gang related and shooters are still at large. The corner store at Ostrander and Midland now has cameras. Valley Superette was recommended for monitoring.

Presentations:

- Jean Kessner introduced Matt Marko, VP at CH2M, consultant to Onondaga County's "Save the Rain". Save the Rain is a green infrastructure stormwater management project being used to comply with the court-ordered clean-up of Onondaga Lake. The OnCenter is part of the work; its 66,000 sq. ft. green roof is the largest in New York State. CSO's (Combined Sewer Overflow) are owned by the County, not by the City of Syracuse.
- Engineering – project on South Salina from Florence to Walrath, starts next month, will not be a full deck restoration. Seneca Turnpike (Hopper Road to Salina) Final design is expected by end of June, early July. Once the design process is complete, contractor may be selected by mid-September. The majority of the work will occur in 2017. The process will not include widening of the turnpike, but will be a curb adjustment.

Committee Reports –

- Parks and Beautification – Carl Sharak presented on our existing benches, and proposed sites for new benches and trash cans (3). Some benches are already rusting, but volunteers can do repairs with Rustoleum type paint. Motion to approve funding for purchase of three cans and one bench by Rick Baldwin, seconded by Dee Klees. Motion carried with one opposing vote.
- Public Safety & Planning – Kathy Stribley spoke about the NAPA/Family Dollar store. The property has been used as commercial on a variance since 1955. Developer has reduced the buffer on the west side, removed it on the north line, and survey showed no evidence of vegetation. Kathy stated that it should be brought to the City Planning Commission to keep the buffer green, not replace it with a fence. Valley TNT should request the matter be referred to the Planning Commission.

Updates

- from Sue Boyle, Common Council:

- The Council passed the Mayor's budget with cost-effective amendments to DPW funding for more paving (Mayor accepted). Departments all over are doing more with less. SCSO needs to do more tightening as well.
- Family Dollar project at the old NAPA site on Ballantyne at South Salina.: Kathy Stribley, Dee Klees, Carl Sharak and George Matthews attended the public meeting and are working along with Sue on this proposal; Sue is working with the developer to get an acceptable exterior look for the new Family Dollar store.
- The Valley Presbyterian Church property is being considered as the new site for a Turkish Community Center.

Announcements:

- Betts Branch Library is presenting a Home Headquarters Homebuyers workshop on Saturday, 5/21/16.
- Meachem Area Parks Association meets next Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Cecile Center MAPA Tailgate Sale is scheduled for June 18th @ Meachem Field.
- Webster Pond Neighborhood Watch meeting - May 12 has been cancelled. Webster Pond fishing programs have started for the season; Juniors fish on Saturday mornings, adults on Sunday mornings.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Dougherty, seconded by Jeff Wright and motion carried.

Next Valley TNT meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at the Cecile Center at 7:00 p.m.