

Welcome and Introductions

October meeting minutes were reviewed and corrected. Motion to approve by Bob Dougherty, seconded by Marilyn Madison, and carried.

SPD Officer Joe Evans discussed recent crime reports in the area. Two suspects have been arrested for recent coin box thefts and are in custody at the Justice Center. There were three burglaries in the past month, one attempted burglary, and a robbery at Valley Plaza. Several reports involved motor vehicle vandalism or larceny, including an ATV theft, and one stolen car which was recovered on the north side. SPD Chief Frank Fowler, Deputy Chief Joe Cecile, and Superintendent Jaime Alicea held a joint meeting at Corcoran High School recently to address concerns.

Presentation: Deputy Chief Cecile presented a citation to honor Chuck Taylor, who had aided in the capture of a person on the county's Top Ten Most Wanted list (related to three felonies and a misdemeanor).

Common Councilor Susan Boyle spoke about the school culture at Corcoran, where her two children attend. The school is set up in such a way that a large number of students are not aware or not involved with unwanted issues that happen and are going about their normal school day. Students at risk for negative behaviors are identified and interventions are set in place.

Councilor Susan Boyle asked to hear about DPW issues in Commissioner O'Connor's absence. Several streets were mentioned regarding application of the "super slurry" that was used creating pot-hole like bumps (thirty between Dorwin and Betts Branch Library on South Salina Street). Cortland Place trash can is not being emptied. These should be added to the list of questions we have for the Commissioner.

Reports: Parks and Beautification – 1. City Arborist Steve Harris will be putting trees near the bench recently installed on Salina Street in front of the Charter School south of Seneca Turnpike. 2. "Welcome to the Valley" sign at Walrath will be raised 10" when the South Side sign (currently being painted) is installed next to it. Poor grass was added and the sidewalk dips so there will be erosion onto the sidewalk. The roses are still doing well. 3. TNT Tool lending library will be stored at Webster Pond, and residents will be able to borrow tools. Eagle Scouts have completed a new shelter on the back trail.

Planning – Upcoming developments: The Family Dollar at the former NAPA site is boarded up and the tire operation was given six months to vacate. The Brighton Mews project is on the Planning Commission's agenda. There are questions about increased traffic issues with the addition of a new street at the site. Drainage is another issue, with very little planting and drains into bedrock then down into the Valley.

Councilor Boyle attended the Turkish Cultural Center's coffee event for neighbors last week. She has done all she could to help with the Academy Green vacant houses, properties are being supervised, and taxes are being paid. She has spoken with Ryan McMahon about funding he had available to buy foreclosed homes.

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 30th, 2017. He suggested that we start putting together our proposals now and be prepared to carry the projects through to a timely completion in order to comply with the city's current funding requirements.

Announcements

- Webster Pond Neighborhood Watch meets monthly at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Next meeting will be Thursday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m.
- 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, November 16th -starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Cecile Center. The "Howl-o-ween" event enjoyed a good turnout of 11 participants and many spectators. Lee's Feed Mill donated prizes.
- MAPA Flag installation for Veterans Day is looking for volunteers to help put the flags up (very early, will be done by 8:10 a.m.)
- MAPA "Lights in the Valley" will take place again this year, details coming next month.
- ELMS, Van Duyn, and Meachem schools are already signed up to take part in the Great Snowman Convention.
- Corcoran High School is premiering the play "Fools" November 18 and 19th. Rights to the play have never been sold before.
- "Tiny Homes for Good" ribbon cutting at E. Glen and Salina Street. The homes will be open for occupancy next week.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Bob Dougherty, seconded by Carl Sharak and Dee Klees.

Next Valley TNT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at the Cecile Center at 7:00 p.m. DPW Commissioner Pete O'Connor will be our guest speaker.