

SouthWest Common Council

Thursday, May 16, 2013

In Attendance:

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The Meeting convened at 6:05 pm.

Presentation: Anwar Pickett presented Brooks Landing signage logo for 4 signs. He showed the Logo, street/sidewalk elevation, plot plan showing proposed locations for signage. John Curran would like to see more historical references within the design. Origin of the name "Brooks Landing", colors for the signage, other features of the logo were discussed. Limiting the distribution of the signage to the Brooks/Genesee/Plymouth intersection and main arteries was discussed. Eric and Anwar will take the signage back and make changes based on the discussions tonight.

Ball Fields – John Borek Reported. (Jeff Mrozek was unable to attend.) Ball fields at Genesee Valley Park will be discussed in depth at a later meeting. Neighborhood groups – 19thWCA and PLEX – wish the ball fields to be repaired and retained.

NBD SW Quadrant Reports - Linda Hedden discussed street scape re-vitalization efforts in the Jefferson, Reynolds area for landlords and tenants. They would like to increase the use of Troup Street Park.

19th WCA – MaryDan Cooper reported. Ease on Down Thurston Road is this Saturday May 18. Square Fair starts at 8AM June 1. Urban Fellow Intern will be helping this summer with activities planning. A volunteer has been found to take notes at the Public Safety Committee meetings.

Cornhill Neighbors – Bonny Mayer reported. Gun buy-back program planned. More traffic slowing devices are needed on Exchange Blvd.. Two-hour parking signs have gone up on Exchange Boulevard with no thought given to speeding traffic. Arts Festival July 13 and 14 – no cost to not-for-profits who wish to set up a booth.

COTS – Lynette Robinson reported. Adams Street Block Club is getting underway. Surveys being created. Will focus on healthy eating. The 7th Day Adventist Church playing a strong role. Eleanor and Joan R-D organized planting a low-maintenance garden at Hamm Memorial

site. Troup Street Park being used more by children – drug activity down.

PLEX – Fathers' Day Fish Fry Friday, June 14 at Carlson Commons. May pre-order. (see hand-out). Phone tree being resurrected. Home security cameras being discussed. Good turnout for Crop Walk.

Susan B. Anthony – Dawn Noto Reported. Flower planting this weekend. Walking group has started up. Clean Sweep was a great success. June 15 Juneteenth celebration at Susan B Anthony Square Park.

Communications Committee – Schools have adopted the \$9.95/mo Time Warner Connect to Compete program as their own methods to communicate with parents and students. Wi-Fi initiative will not be able to use Rochester public school need as a source for maintenance funding, so the project is dormant for now.

SW Education Committee – School 10 and Dr. Walter Cooper Academy will stay on Congress Avenue and will be renovated. School 16 will be renovated and reopened on Post Avenue. School 44 closing has been announced. The building will be used as swing space while other changes are being made beginning in 2014 or 2015. Need to activate volunteers to participate in the all neighborhood schools. Made fruitful contact with Center for Community Health who are eager to do outreach and may be able to work with schools. 19thWCA Schools committee is being re-constituted with John Laing as Chair – likely conduit for volunteers. Delegates' Council has approved its mission statement, for the Schools Committee.

Arnett Library – Celebrating 40 years. Summer reading program is starting

Neighborworks – Lynette Robinson reported. Homeowners program – would like to have it at Staybridge. fuction fundraiser

Riverfront Planning – John Curran reported. First step is to develop simple walking trails and do a comprehensive study of the toxins. June 13 walking tour.

Farmers' Market – opens Tuesday, June 11 4-7:00 PM

Healthi Kids – Summer meals USDA program for kids under 18 June to early September. Need to increase numbers of kids who take advantage of the program. There will be sites at schools rec centers, churches, and more. No financial screening – everybody is eligible.

SWCC Arts Committee - \$150,00 arts grant for Brooks Landing – PLEX and 19thWCA. Committee will start up in June. Send John Borek an e-mail if you would like to participate. Location 19 has an arts group.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Minutes submitted by Marian Boutet