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CITY OF SHEBOYGANMAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP CABINETTuesday, March 5, 2019

Chad Pelishek called the meeting to order at 6: 30 pm at the Mead Public Library (Rocca Room), 710 N. 8 th Street. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Members present: Director of Planning and Development Chad Pelishek, Community & Economic Development Planner Nancy Maring, Police Chief Chris Domagalski, Alderperson Dean Dekker, Penny Weber, Bryan Mohoric, Paul Aparicio, Jody Kraemer, and Jean Grade.

Others present: Superintendent of Streets & Sanitation Jason Blasiola, Youth Services Librarian Alison Loewen, Officer Israel Deutsch, Officer Jeff Mares, and Jenny Given.

Minutes: Motion and second to approve minutes of November 6, 2018 meeting. All ayes.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

Feature

Presentation:

"Sheboygan Spring Clean-Up Program" Jason Blasiola.

Jason has been working with Nancy Maring to develop a dumpster program that will take place in April and May for Official Neighborhood Associations. The DPW will make arrangements to have a dumpster delivered at a designated location for the Associations that enroll in the program. Jason passed out applications for the program these can only be completed by Official Neighborhood Associations. Jason is working on the logistics of placement and timing. Several of the Neighborhood Associations have already received information about this program and some have already submitted their applications. May 18 is tentatively scheduled for Vollrath/North Point in conjunction with Near North. May 11 is tentatively scheduled for Historic Grant and Maple Heights.

Presentation:

"Mead Public Library Summer Opportunities" Alison Loewen.

In 2018 the staff from Mead Public Library started going into neighborhoods and participating in community festivals to do youth outreach. They do crafts for kids, journal making, bookmark making, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, story time, etc. Alison is extending the offer to bring these activities to the Neighborhood Associations that do block parties, she handed out informational flyers. She mentioned that they have a regularly scheduled family night on Wednesdays in the summer at City Green. Police Chief Domagalski mentioned that this could be a good fit for National Night Out.

#### Neighborhood Association Reports

Gateway They have a meeting scheduled for March 7 to plan out their year. Their president has been dealing with some health issues, so they are trying to move forward in the interim.

Ellis They had a meeting earlier this month and have selected a dumpster day. They are working on building up the group membership and are meeting quarterly. Nancy mentioned that Officer Richard Hang has been instrumental in helping them redeveloping their board with the understanding that they are going to need some community-building activities in the meantime.

Maple Heights No representatives present.

Near North Nancy Maring stated that they have a meeting coming up next week they will likely be setting the date for their block party. They are interested in possibly doing a historic walk in the future there are lots of historic properties in that neighborhood, but the amount of commitment that it would take to pull it off might hold them back.

Indiana Corridor Alderperson Dean Dekker reporting: They met last week and picked the date for their dumpster day. They are looking forward to the gas station being torn down on the corner of Indiana Avenue and 22 nd Street. They are hoping to have their next meeting at the Police Station and to get a tour there to build engagement with the group. They would like to offer these types of different tours for every third or fourth meeting a future tour could be at City Hall after the renovation is complete.

King Park April 27 is the date for their dumpster and they will also be doing

beach cleanup that day. Starting in April they will be having regular monthly meetings. May 18 they will be having their brat fry and festival. They are working on the details of their block party.

Memorial Jody Kraemer reporting: Last fall they had been working with the Police Department to address the issue with the tire slashing that had been happening. The Police were patrolling more and found someone who was suspicious, they couldn't charge the person with any crimes but gave a stern warning and there haven't been any reoccurrences since then. There is a nuisance property in the neighborhood that has some ongoing litigation, they will receive an update about the status on Thursday. A date has not been picked yet for the block party. They have been discussing the possibility of neighborhood beautification projects such as public art and garden clubs.

Historic Grant Paul Aparicio reporting: They met last week and discussed their dumpster day. They are hoping to cross-promote at the dumpster event about their upcoming hotdog cook-out and also about their announcement of adopting the school yard at Grant Elementary. They are currently in the process of working out the details with the Rec Department and the school principal. They have some ideas about creating raised beds around the perimeter and possibly being involved in clean-up after soccer league games. They are getting assistance from Officer Jeff to acquire a map of the fire hydrants in their neighborhood so they can all be cleared of snow in the winter. Nancy stated that she made a map for that earlier that day and would provide it to Paul. She also said that she's hoping to work with the Sheboygan Water Utility to create a web-based map that can be used city-wide for this purpose.

Vollrath/North Point Jean Grade reporting: October 5 has been set as the date for the Historical Walk. Their picnic will be on June 18 at Fountain Park. They have been discussing their dumpster day and the application.

Discussion on neighborhood grant program Nancy Maring presented information about the neighborhood grant program that has a \$1,000 limit to the project proposals. Previously they encouraged the block parties to be submitted as grant-eligible expenses, now they are shifting away from that. Most of the neighborhoods have been pretty good about putting on these events, the biggest expense has typically been the hotdogs. Now they want to move toward an emphasis on more creative projects that just need one-time seed money. Nancy will be visiting the individual meetings for the neighborhood associations to present this application, the deadline is May 15.

Sheboygan Neighborhood Pride Update Penny Weber reporting: They are currently working with four neighborhoods on a regular basis: Franklin Park, End Park (Travis Gross from the Historical Museum will be a guest speaker at the next meeting to provide history of the neighborhood they hope that this info will help them come up with ideas for a logo), Swift (Battalion Chief Kocmoud will be a guest speaker at their meeting later this month and surrounding neighborhoods will be invited so that there is a decent size audience), and Kuehne Park (Officer Anna Taylor and K 9 Max will be the guests at their next meeting, surrounding neighborhoods will be invited). Kiwanis/KMD South/Wildwood are meeting every six months, their upcoming meeting is this month they have a core group of people who reliably attend the meetings, but

they don't seem to have an interest in meeting more than every six months. Penny mentioned that she is looking for someone to join the board for Sheboygan Neighborhood Pride who would be interested in taking the lead on updating the website: [sheboyganneighborhoodpride.info](http://sheboyganneighborhoodpride.info).

#### BEST PRACTICES DISCUSSION (Open forum)

Nancy discussed the AARP grant that the city received last year that was used to purchase five Bike Fixation Stations that will be installed throughout the city later this year. They are going to apply for the grant again this year but it will be for the purpose of developing a walking tour app that can be used by visitors and residents to engage with the City. They already have some downtown and neighborhood walking tours that are ready to be utilized. In the future this could be expanded to a public art walking tour, a pub crawl walking tour, a tree tour, etc. These funds could also be used for signage to identify the walking tour sites and to provide physical brochures/pamphlets for people who may not have access to a smart phone. They are working with the Historic Society to ensure that they aren't overlapping efforts because this is also an initiative that they've been exploring. Jean Grade expressed interest in the possibility of incorporating Vollrath/North Point's Historical Tour into this system and possibly also doing pamphlets.

Officer Mares mentioned the upcoming historic beat walk for the old patrol officers walk downtown, they are working with Travis Gross and will let everyone know when the date is finalized.

Officer Deutsch mentioned that a representative from the John Michael Kohler Arts Center Preserve had contacted the Indiana Corridor Neighborhood regarding looking for community art. He anticipates that as the date gets closer to their opening in August 2020 that there will be more information.

Jason Blasiola mentioned that Public Works Week is coming up and that the DPW is planning an open house on May 18 to celebrate. He offered to host the May 7 meeting at the Municipal Service Building in conjunction with a facility tour.

CLOSING OF MEETINGNext meeting date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

ADJOURNMeeting adjourned at 7: 15 pm.