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CITY OF SHEBOYGAN MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP CABINET Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Mayor Vandersteen called the meeting to order at 6: 30 pm at the Mead Public Library (The Loft meeting room on 3 rd floor), 710 N. 8 th Street. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Members present: Mayor Mike Vandersteen, Police Chief Christopher Domagalski, Director of Planning and Development Chad Pelishek, Neighborhood Development Planner Nancy Maring, Alderperson Dean Dekker, Bryan Mohoric, Paul Aparicio, CJ Grace, Jody Kraemer, Peter Sjollema, Jean Grade, and Joe Clarke.

Others present: Superintendent of Streets & Sanitation Jason Blasiola and Jenny Given.

Minutes: Motion by Dean Dekker, seconded by Joe Clarke to approve minutes of July 17, 2018 meeting. All ayes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

Feature

Presentation:

"Snow Emergency Update" Jason Blasiola.

Last year staff from the Department of Public Works held town hall meetings and visited neighborhood associations to engage with citizens regarding the winter parking rules. At recent meetings, the Public Works Committee has discussed the Winter Parking and Snow Emergency proposals that were shelved last fall and has sanctioned revisions for consideration. After holding these revisions in committee while a series of polls were issued on Nextdoor.com to collect resident feedback the committee has taken the poll information into consideration and made a final recommendation to the City Council.

Winter Parking Rules are now in effect from December 1 to April 30. During these months, on odd-numbered days, between the hours of 12: 00 am and 6: 00 am vehicles shall only be parked on that side of the street having odd-numbered street addresses (East and South Sides). On even-numbered days, between the hours of 12: 00 am and 6: 00 am, vehicles shall only be parked on that side of the street having even-numbered street addresses (North and West Sides). Streets posted with No Parking restrictions remain in effect; therefore are NOT under alternate side parking rules.

When a snow emergency is declared between November 1 and April 30, parking of vehicles on designated snow emergency routes, boulevards, cul-de-sacs, and dead-end streets is completely prohibited during the period of a snow emergency until the snow emergency ends. Snow Emergency Routes are identified with Snow Emergency Route Signs. Vehicles illegally parked on Snow Emergency Routes will be ticketed and towed.

Parking on the Non-Snow Emergency Route streets of the city shall be permitted on the even sides of the street (North & West sides), when the snow emergency is declared to start on an even-numbered day between the hours 12: 00 am and 6: 00 am. When a snow emergency is declared on an odd-numbered day between the hours 12: 00 am and 6: 00 am, parking shall be permitted on the odd sides of the street (South & East sides). The simple rule: PARK FOR TOMORROW.

All streets with No Parking restrictions relating to parking on one-side of the street shall follow odd/even parking rules during a snow emergency. Vehicles illegally parked will be ticketed and towed.

When a snow emergency is in effect, the news stations will be given a notice stating that the city is in a snow emergency. The City of Sheboygan will also post Snow Emergency notices on its social medial platforms, Twitter, Nixel, and Nextdoor as well as Fox 6 and WHBL. Your cooperation will allow the Streets and Sanitation Department to do more effective work as they clear the city streets of the snowfall for the safety of our residents.

There is an interactive map available on [www.sheboyganwi.gov/winterparking](http://www.sheboyganwi.gov/winterparking) that residents can use to view the streets that are snow emergency routes.

Pre-treating the streets with brine before a snow storm (up to 3 days in advance) has been an effective method that the DPW has been using in recent years to prevent snow and ice build-up. This also enables a more cost effective use of salt because 1 ton of dry salt treats approximately 6 miles but if that 1 ton of salt is turned into brine it can treat 26 miles.

Alternate side parking rules went into effect in 2000 this is one of the reasons why there haven't been very many snow emergency calls since then it keeps vehicles moving everyday which helps the snow removal crew to access the streets more effectively.

Now that the alternate side parking rules are in effect through April 30, this will give the street sweeping crew better access to cleaning the streets at the end of winter.

#### Neighborhood Association Reports

Gateway No representatives present.

Ellis No representatives present.

Maple Heights No representatives present.

Near North Joe Clarke reporting: They had their annual block party on August 30, unfortunately this year there wasn't a very good turnout there were less than 20 people this year compared to 50 - 70 in past years. One of the board members recently resigned and they are struggling to keep their board up to the requirements.

Indiana Corridor Alderperson Dean Dekker reporting: They had a hotdog roast in conjunction with their Adopt-A-Park kick-off on Saturday, September 8 at Moose Park, there were about 40 - 50 attendees. They had a suggestion board up to ask people what they want to see in Moose Park, the most common response was a restroom shelter. Thanks to Culvers for donating frozen custard to the event. Thanks to the police officers who grilled hotdogs. One thing to note is that

they didn't use any flyers to promote the event. They had about 20 yard signs throughout the neighborhood. They also pushed it out on Facebook and Nextdoor.

King Park Bryan Mohoric reporting: They did a beach cleanup at King Park on Saturday, September 15 as their first Adopt-A-Park event. There were three college students from Illinois who attended because they saw the event online and they like to travel to these types of events in all different cities. Unfortunately there wasn't a very good turnout from residents of the neighborhood, most of the attendees were from other areas.

There are two new board members, a new vice president, and a new treasurer.

A house on Alabama Avenue was recently torn down, it was about a two-year process but they are glad that it is finally complete.

Memorial Jody Kraemer reporting: At their most recent meeting about two weeks ago they did it in the format of a listening session rather than scheduling a speaker. Neighbors came from Clifton Avenue to discuss concerns with a nuisance property that has suspected drug-related activities. It was an issue that had such intensity that they scheduled a special follow-up session, which took place on September 17. Nancy Maring worked to get two police officers to attend the special session and the information they provided was helpful for understanding the situation/circumstances involving the nuisance property the attendees felt supported and heard. Officer Kurt Zempel and Officer Shannon McKay are working with them to put up yard signs for Drug-Free Neighborhood which will hopefully encourage residents to continue to report problems with the nuisance property. The City Attorney is moving forward with paperwork to take action on this.

They've been getting inquiries about Pit Bulls, people want to know the rules about breeding. As far as Jody is aware, dogs less than 6 months old don't count toward the limit of how many dogs a resident can have. She is learning more as things go along.

Historic Grant Paul Aparicio reporting: They were just approved as an official Neighborhood Association at the Common Council meeting on September 17. They had the elections for their board in July, thanks to Penny Weber for showing them the ropes.

Interesting thing to note is that they don't have a park or a church within their neighborhood, which is a rare situation in Sheboygan. For a summertime outside meeting place they've been using Cole Park, they've also meet at residents' houses. Paul has talked to the principal at Grant Elementary about possibly using the school as a meeting place but the principal is new so he's going to check into it and get back to them. Alderperson Dean Dekker stated that they have used James Madison Elementary for some events and he scheduled that through the Rec Department, he expects that Paul could do the same for Grant Elementary.

Vollrath/North Point Jean Grade reporting: They have had a meeting with all of the food truck vendors and the neighbors to discuss concerns with the Food Truck Mondays. They recently succeeded in getting the parking time changes from 3rd Street to the end of Vollrath Boulevard. In the late 1970s there had been a problem with loitering in that area, to address that issue it was posted that no parking was allowed from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am and it worked. Jean has lived in the same house for 51 years so she has seen it all! However, in recent years since the Food Truck Mondays began, parking has become a commodity and people began parking in this restricted area after 6:00 pm. This time limitation wasn't being enforced or ticketed until this year when it was reported to the police. That's when Jean decided to get involved she did a presentation to the Common Council to get the time restriction changed. It resulted in the time being changed to 9:00 pm.

They are doing a Historical Walk on October 6 ; it has been very well attended in past years.

Sheboygan Neighborhood Pride Update Penny Weber was not able to attend but provided updates via email to Mayor Vandersteen.

Franklin Park The group had a neighborhood social in July hosted by St. Peter Claver Church. About 50 people attended and we considered it a success. It is hopeful that more people became aware of the neighborhood group and will want to join our meetings as summer ends. St. Peter Claver Church is a wonderful partner to work with in the neighborhood.

End Park There is a core group of people that have continued to come to the meetings. We have had some lively discussions. Having End Park part of the neighborhood brings discussion points to every meeting. We think this group is ready to take it to the next level of beginning to plan for a neighborhood association. Washington School Apartments have offered space to hold our future meetings. Another nice collaboration within a neighborhood. Kiwanis/KMD-South/Wildwood Will be having a 6 month meeting at the end of this month. The group, although small for 3 neighborhoods, thought meeting every 6 months was what they wanted. Not many neighborhood issues in this area.

Kuehne Park The group has remained small, even after Rock the Block, but we have gained congregation members from St. John s where we meet, and St. Paul s across the street. The pastors from St. Paul s remain interested in the group and attend meetings as they are able. Both churches have placed meeting notices in their bulletins. A nice neighborhood collaboration.

Swift We have a very small but faithful group that meets. Door hanger distribution has gotten us a few more people. We tend to get new people every so often. St. Peter Claver gives us a meeting place.

East Side No updates.

James Madison and South Lake No updates.

BEST PRACTICES DISCUSSION (Open forum) Chad Pelishek explained that this open forum is a new format for this part of the agenda aimed to suit the growing size of the Mayor's Neighborhood Leadership Cabinet. This is where members can share information with each other about useful tools and resources.

Nancy Maring described the pilot program for Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Trail. As Alderperson Dean Dekker discussed in his report, the Indiana Corridor is the first Neighborhood to officially adopt a park at their kick-off event at Moose Park on September

8. The reason for this program is not only will these parks have stewards in the neighbors people to watch over them and keep them clean but also it provides fresh public input as to how to use the parks and how to improve them. Sheboygan Paper Box & Specialty Company had a kick-off event on Thursday, September 6 to celebrate adopting a segment of the Shoreland 400 Trail for the Adopt-A-Trail program. Through this event they identified the need for more garbage cans and benches. Both of these pilot programs have signs that signify the partnerships which has in turn resulted in more inquiries from others wanting to participate. For neighborhoods that don't have a park within their boundaries, it may be possible some neighborhoods to partner with each other to take care of one of the large parks. This program does not encompass school playgrounds. To advertise for the Moose Park event, the DPW created coroplast yard signs many attendees indicated that they saw these signs. Nancy mentioned that something that she would suggest doing differently next time is simplifying the layout of the signs and making them reusable perhaps have a changeable sticker for the date portion.

The use of flyers is not cost effective because of the cost of special paper, the time involved in printing them and cutting them apart, the time involved in distributing them, and many turn into litter. The signs were put out one week in advance of the event and must be on private property. Each neighborhood association is encouraged to review their bylaws to see how the wording is for written that guides how they must notify residents about their meetings if it is too restrictive about specifying a communication method, they may want to consider amending their bylaws to accommodate other forms of communication. Alderperson Dean Dekker stated that he spreads the word about Nextdoor as much as possible because it is such an easy communication tool to use.

Chad Pelishek described the method they used in Maple Heights which was to walk through the neighborhood and hand out flyers about Nextdoor to residents. They did this in-person only and had conversations with people, they did not hang the flyers on doors. From there they tracked the number of people who signed up on Nextdoor as a result it was about 15 or 20 people. Those people were entered into a drawing at the next neighborhood meeting and the winner received a North Flats (previous name of Maple Heights) t-shirt. Nancy has these flyers available if anyone else is interested in using them.

One challenge has been with a board member who setup the Facebook pages now that person is no longer on the board and no one else can get access to the Facebook pages. Nancy stated that when social media accounts, Google Drive accounts, etc. are setup that the board should ensure that at a minimum two people have access to the accounts. At some point several years ago the Police Department setup Facebook pages for many of the neighborhood districts, which have largely been inactive. Now that the official neighborhood associations are creating their own Facebook pages, it can be confusing for residents to know which pages to follow. The pages run by the official neighborhood associations are generally more active and tend to trump the inactive pages. This issue isn't the end of the world, but it can be a bit of a hurdle for start-up neighborhoods. If any of the neighborhood associations want to give login info to Nancy, she will be happy to store it in the event of future board turn-over and loss of information. Police Chief Domagalski stated that if anyone else has concerns about Facebook pages owned by the Police Department that they should contact him.

Police Chief's report: National drug take-back day is Saturday, October 27. The Police Department also has a collection receptacle available year-round.

Detective Tamara Remington has been doing community education on human trafficking. She did presentations on July 30, September 10, September 18, and more of them are scheduled. The Car In Gear, Brain In Gear program has been an ongoing traffic enforcement initiative aimed at improving accident rates and crime rates. With school starting recently they have been focusing on school zones to get parents in the right frame of mind for the proper drop-off procedures. On August 31 there was an event at Fountain Park for International Overdose Awareness Day which featured speakers from Wisconsin Recovery Community Organization (WIRCO) and the Sheboygan Police Department. On August 18 was the 2nd Cops and Bobbers event. On August 8 was ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Escape) training event at South High School. There have been many requests for this training, so rather than going to individual businesses, this community event was open to everyone. New officer Sean Goffard was sworn in on August

13. Several others are in the process of going through police academy. One more vacancy will be filled by the end of October, after that the department will be fully staffed. One vacancy is predicted at the end of the year due to retirement. A new canine joined the department in June, his name is Max he is replacing Kramer who was retired in December last year. Canine Bud is approaching retirement age and this has prompted the discussion of the future of the K 9 Unit primarily because this program receives very little funding from the City. They began a fundraising initiative at the beginning of summer with the goal of \$150,000. To date about \$16,000 has been raised, some of which has already been used for training expenses for Officer Anna Taylor. Officer Christopher Bahr has been selected to join the K 9 Unit, so he will soon be traveling with Officer Ryan Schmitt to pick up the next dog from North Carolina the cost for the dog and all associated training is about \$14,000. A veterinarian in Sheboygan Falls has offered to donate free preventive care for Max. Dr. Travis in Sheboygan has pledged to provide free preventive care for the new dog. The dog food is being donated by Dowsky's Raw Dawg Pet Food store.

Report from City Development Chad Pelishek and Nancy Maring Rock The Block will be taking place on Saturday, October 13 in the 1400 - 1700 block of South 9th Street. People can sign up to volunteer at [habitatlakeside.com](http://habitatlakeside.com). Bob Wallace recently retired from the Building Inspection department. Bill Borzyskowski started as the North Side code enforcement office on August 21 he will attend one of the upcoming MNLC meetings to be introduced to board.

CLOSING OF MEETING Next meeting date: Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

ADJOURN Meeting adjourned at 7: 50 pm.