

City of Sheboygan
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CITY OF SHEBOYGANMAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP CABINET Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Mayor Mike Vandersteen called the meeting to order at 6: 30 pm in the Municipal Court at 1315 N. 23 rd Street. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Members present: Mayor Mike Vandersteen, Director of Planning and Development Chad Pelishek, Neighborhood Development Planner Nancy Maring, Alderperson Rosemarie Trester, Alderperson Trey Mitchell, Joe Clarke, Jody Kraemer, Penny Weber, Scott Hanson.

Others present: Officer Matthew Heimerl, Janette Faul.

Minutes: Motion by Joe Clarke, seconded by Scott Hansen to approve minutes of March 6, 2018 meeting. All ayes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY
Feature Presentation:

Code Enforcement Violations and the Municipal Court Judge Natasha Torry. The top three ordinance violations heard in municipal court are: excessive garbage, protective treatments (paint, fences, porches), and roofs. Each year there are at least 5,000 citations that are processed just for the City of Sheboygan. Last year was the highest at 7,074 encompassing citations for building codes, traffic, and juvenile ordinance. Of that, 705 were for building code violations resulting in \$2,064,644 being ordered in forfeitures. The reason for the ordinance process is that the City just wants people to keep up maintenance on their homes they don t want the citation dollars. There is a direct correlation between positive neighborhood appearance, lower crime rates, and citizens who actually want to contribute to our community. At the January MNLC meeting Bob Wallace did a presentation about the work he does as a Code Enforcement Officer. At the March MNLC meeting, Assistant City Attorney Thomas Cameron did a presentation about the process of Code Enforcement in the Municipal Court. So Judge Torry s presentation today is in the format of a mock trial. The mock trial is representing a real-life situation that Judge Torry is experiencing which is also one of the most common violations there were 179 citations last year for exterior property area sanitation. Her neighbor has had a mattress lying on the sidewalk in front of their house for two weeks. The mock trail proceeded with the script that Judge Torry provided.

Neighborhood Association Reports

Maple Heights On 7 / 21 they are going to have a rummage sale. On 8 / 13 at 5: 30 pm they are going to do a neighborhood walk, calling it a Meet & Greet . Their newsletter will be coming out soon.

Near North They had their annual meeting on 4 / 26 with only eight people in attendance but because of this meeting, they found two new board members to replace two they had lost. Alderperson Mary Lynne Donohue was the presenter at the meeting. Neighborhood signs have gone up in the neighborhood and neighborhood yard signs were handed out. On 5 / 10 they are doing a neighborhood walk and they hoped they could have someone from building inspection there to point out any potential problems and give the group an understanding of what those problems would be. Nancy or Chad will fill in for Bob Wallace who will not be able to be at the walk. On 8 / 30 they are having a block party.

King Park At their last meeting, they had some new people attend. Two of the new individuals were very vocal and upset about a property that has been vacant for a long time. Chad said he is staying on top of this issue and checks in with the City Attorney every week to make sure it isn't being ignored. They had a brat fry at Festival Foods and had a profitable result of \$500. They also sold neighborhood t-shirts which were donated by one of the board members and his wife. They had a beach clean-up at Southside Beach using volunteers, some from Plenco. 150 pounds of trash was picked up. The water level was high which decreased their cleanup area.

Memorial They are planning their first neighborhood picnic which will be on 6 / 22 at Sheboygan Christian School.

Indiana Corridor No representatives present.

Gateway No representatives present.

Ellis No representatives present.

Sheboygan Neighborhood Pride Update Penny Weber

Vollrath/North Point They will have their first election of board members and a neighborhood picnic on 6 / 21 at Vollrath Park.

East Side They plan to have their first election of board members in July but no date or place has been set yet. The group has decided to change their name to Historic Grant Neighborhood. Travis Gross from the Sheboygan Historical Society gave a presentation to them which gave them the idea they chose.

Kuehne Park They had their first meeting of 2018, which was almost a year after the last meeting held at which no people attended. A small group came to the meeting and indicated they wished to meet again. It is hoped that having the Rock the Block event in the Kuehne Park Neighborhood on June 2 will create more neighborhood interest.

End Park Meetings continue with a small group in attendance. Neighbors distributed door hangers in the neighborhood to attempt to grow the group.

James Madison and South Lake Both neighborhoods had their very first meetings. South Lake wasn't very interested in having more meetings but were provided with Penny's contact information in the event they changed their mind. The James Madison group was interested in meeting again.

Kiwanis/KMD-South/Wildwood This combined group met and decided that they would like to meet every 6 months because nothing much happens in their neighborhoods because it is a nice place to live. They will meet again in September. They decided they wanted to distribute door hangers before the September meeting to create more interest and get more people to the meeting.

Franklin Park The group has been meeting for more than one year but when they were asked who would step up and serve on a neighborhood board, only two people expressed any interest and the remainder of the people said no. Door hangers were distributed by the neighbors at the last meeting to try to get more people involved with the hope of finding people willing to serve as board members. Personal contact was made at homes if possible to introduce themselves and mention when the group meets. If no one was home, the door hanger was placed on the door.

Swift Attendance has been very low. Before giving up because of a lack of interest, the group is going to distribute door hangers at their next meeting in the hope of growing the group.

CITY STAFF UPDATES

Police Chief's report given by Officer Heimerl The Citizen's Academy will have its last class next Tuesday. Tonight they are at the range and touring the DC. Landlord/Tenant training was held and it was the largest class ever 35 participants. Less lethal weapons have been placed in half of the patrol cars last month. This is the latest step taken with respect to de-escalation training and Crisis Intervention Training. The 40 mm munition was successfully used in a standoff in Kohler a few weeks ago. The Car in Gear, Brain in Gear initiative is going well the goal is to get people to pay full attention while driving. The number of traffic crashes is on a downward trend and there has been an increase in traffic related citations. Their annual exchange of vehicles is almost complete. They have 5 new vehicles 4 are all in black and 1 is a ghost car which just has reflective stickers that only show if the light hits them. This car will be effective for traffic enforcement. On 5 / 22, four new officers will be sworn in: Bryan Pray, Abigail Hernandez, Chelsea Hunt, and Jeremy Kegler. The first Hop with a Cop Easter egg hunt was held at James Madison School on Saturday, March 24, about 30 kids participated. Gateway had a neighborhood cleanup on 5 / 5. There were about 55 volunteers which included 35 volunteers from The Little Red School House. On 5 / 19 Indiana Corridor will have their neighborhood cleanup. The Rock the Block event will be held 6 / 2. Habitat for Humanity along with the Sheboygan Police Department and City Planning are organizing the event. It will be held in the Kuehne Park Neighborhood in the 1200 blocks of Heermann Court, Bluff Avenue and Trimberger Court, areas determined to have the highest need.

Report from City Development Chad Pelishek and Nancy Maring Projects to be completed during the Rock the Block event will be decided before the event begins as they will try to get as much done as possible. Alliant Energy donated garbage cans to be given residents without them. If anyone wants to volunteer, go to the Habitat for Humanity website to register. A neighborhood lighting project began with 3 rd shift police officers traveling the city and rating the lighting found to determine the darkest areas. During this survey of the city, 100 street lights were found not working. All these street lights have since been fixed. Additional street lighting to be added will have underground wiring. They continue to work on neighborhood revitalization with multiple city departments. In the beginning they determined base lines so that in several years they will be able to determine progress made. Last year they targeted four neighborhoods two on the south side and two on the north side. This year they are targeting another four neighborhoods two south and two north. City Green, located on the old Boston Store property, has had the 2018 events released. There will be 11 Thursday night free concerts and other events such as yoga classes. There will be two Saturday night picnic events on 7 / 28 and 8 / 18. The last event of the season will be on 9 / 21 Brats for Sails through SEAS. You can visit the City of Sheboygan website for details. There will be a \$10 million expansion of the business park 126 acres. The first floor of City Hall has been vacated in anticipation of the City Hall renovation. Those offices have been relocated to the former Social Security Administration building across the street at 606 North 9 th Street. The rest of the offices in City Hall will move to the former Sheboygan County Highway building at the end of this month. On 6 / 4, there will be a ground breaking ceremony for the City Hall renovation. The renovation should take about 12 - 16 months to complete. The main stairway will remain as originally installed. A new main entrance will be constructed on the north side of the building. Alderperson Rosemarie Trester requested a map that would show which neighborhoods are located in the new aldermanic districts. Chad and Nancy said they could get such a map to her. The program at the next meeting will be either the AARP adult survey or sex offender residence rules.

CLOSING OF MEETINGNext meeting date: Tuesday, July 17, 2018.

ADJOURNMeeting adjourned at 8: 40 pm.