

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP CABINET

Chair Mike Vandersteen called the meeting to order at 6: 30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Members present: Mayor Mike Vandersteen, Director of Planning and Development Chad Pelishek, Chief of Police Christopher Domagalski, Rosemarie Trester, Henry Capetillo, Dean Dekker, and Joe Clarke

Others present: Neighborhod Development Planner Nancy Maring, Nancy Lorenz, Grazia Perrella, Scott Hanson, Kristine Kath, and DPW Superintendent of Facilities and Traffic Mike Willmas

Minutes: Approve minutes of July 25, 2017 meeting. Approved with amendment of changing adjournment time to 7: 30 p.m. instead of 6: 30 p.m.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

##### Feature

##### Presentation:

Tour of Municipal Service Building hosted by Superintendent of Facilities and Traffic Mike Willmas. Right now the municipal service building is undergoing a renovation of the men's locker room. A new roof-top unit is being installed adding AC, they are going from 155 down to 64 lockers and adding benches. In 2019 a women's locker room will be added. In 2020 the building will receive a new roof for the first time in 51 years. A CCTV system with 34 cameras is being installed soon.

##### Neighborhood Association Reports

Gateway Neighborhood AssociationThe neighborhood association held a car show on Michigan Avenue in August. The event saw a good attendance. On October 1, the neighborhood association will host the Annual Family Gateway Party for all neighborhood residents on the grounds of Home, Inc. at the corner of North 9 th Street and Superior Avenue.

Ellis Neighborhood Ellen Murphy was unable to attend. Nancy Maring reported there is a new neighborhood officer who they are trying to coordinate with his schedule to get a walk together to hand out some Nextdoor flyers just to meet some neighbors.

Maple Heights (formerly North Flats)The Common Council approved the neighborhood name change to be more representative of the neighborhood characteristics. The neighborhood association held two neighborhood walks this summer to meet residents of the neighborhood as well as clean-up garbage along the street. The association will be releasing the winter/summer edition of the newsletter to residents soon. The annual meeting is being planned for October/November.

Near North NeighborsNear North held their annual block party in late August at the Deland Home. Approximately 50 residents from the neighborhood attended. Hotdogs and buns were provided by the Mayor's Neighborhood Leadership Cabinet and residents brought a dish to pass. The association board continues to work on signage to identify the neighborhood.

Indiana CorridorIndiana Corridor held a neighborhood clean-up in partnership with the police department and the department of public works which cleaned their area, and cleaned up a blighted gas station in a visible spot in their neighborhood. The Indiana Corridor Neighborhood will hold a social event featuring a grill-out in Moose Park on September 30.

King Park Neighborhood AssociationThe Common Council is scheduled to approve the official recognition of the King Park Neighborhood Association. The city welcomes King Park to the family of city neighborhood associations and looks forward to continuing to build relationships with residents from this neighborhood.

Sheboygan Neighborhood Pride UpdateNo report - Penny Weber unable to attend meeting.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Res. No. 69 - 17 - 18. By Alderpersons Nelson and Bitters. A Resolution officially recognizing the King Park Neighborhood Association.Motion to approve by Chad Pelishek, seconded by Rosemarie Trester. All ayes.

#### CITY STAFF UPDATES

Report by Police Chief Christopher Domagalski Outreach meeting with Somali refugees was held in August. Held a second Cops and Bobbers event with approximately 30 children attending. Held meetings with residents from Tamarack and Wasserman apartments to find out how they're doing and keep them connected. Doing some ALICE training with some of the schools. In August worked with County on sexual assault response team training. This fall the PD is hosting a leadership and police organizations class. This fall a school resource officer has been added so there will be a SRO at both high schools. Officers are in the process of being trained on the new body cameras. There are currently three

vacancies for police officers. It is difficult to attract interested and qualified candidates. Contrary to what some people may think, the department does traffic control and wanted to share some statistics from the end of August: over 5,000 traffic stops, issued more than 3,500 citations, more than 8,000 parking citations, investigated 630 abandoned vehicles, towed 84 vehicles, and recovered 93 bicycles. Over 150 outreach events have been handled so far this year and over 2,500 open records requests have been fulfilled. Violent crime (battery, rape, homicide, robbery, aggravated assault),

to date thru the end of August is down 11 percent from last year and property crimes (theft, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson) are down 25 percent from last year so the over all crime thru the end of August is down 24 percent.

Report by Director of City Development Chad Pelishek

The 8 th Street Bridge will be under construction and starting September 25 traffic will be restricted to one lane each way and sometime near the end of October the bridge will be closed completely for approximately 10 - 14 days. The project will last until April. The city is working on purchasing land on the southwest side of Sheboygan to expand the city's business center. Currently the business center is about 95 percent full. The city would like to purchase an additional 150 acres to expand out to Stahl Road and Hwy OK. The Meijer project is moving forward and demolition of the former mall should start soon. Kohls, Bed Bath and Beyond, Claire's and some of the tenants on the south end of the building will be staying. Fairfield Inn & Suites will brake ground in March on S. Taylor Drive. Another hotelier is also interested in building in Sheboygan next year but the name cannot yet be released. Five buildings on Indiana Avenue between South 9 th and 10 th Streets are in the process of being demolished to make room for a new 16 unit property. In mid-November a notice will be issued regarding a community meeting to talk about future development plans for the Indiana Avenue area. The construction of the apartments on South 8 th Street has begun and is expected to last for one year to 14 months and 8 th Street will be down to one lane for the entire duration of the project. Phase II of the Portscape Apartments on South Pier has broken ground - that is an additional 35 units. Last week the Encore Apartments (Boston Store site) celebrated their grand opening. They have 43 of 81 units rented. Their demographic is primarily young professionals working at Kohler Company and Acuity. They are on track to be at three-quarters, with the contracts that they have, by the end of October or November. Portscape Apartments Phase I - 53 units are fully rented (\$900 -\$1,500). Their demographic is primarily empty nesters and babyboomer retirees. There's definitely the demand for filling these properties downtown. Building Inspection has issued about 1,700 code violation orders and 350 citations. In the past five years over 11,000 orders have been issued. It is part of the city's strategic plan to focus on neighborhood revitalization and this is one of the key components. Update on the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Plans related to City's Strategic Plan An event called "Rock the Block" will be held on October 14.

Through the cooperative effort of Habitat for Humanity Lakeside and the City of Sheboygan Department of City Development, Rock the Block will work to improve the quality of a selected area in Sheboygan. Using data collected through neighborhood walks performed by city development staff and police officers, the

area in the Franklin Park neighborhood selected to participate in Rock the Block includes homes on Clara Avenue between 10 th and 11 th Streets, and on 11 th Street between Clara and Georgia Avenues. Rock the Block will organize a large group of volunteers to complete projects on these properties that will make the area more appealing, improving housing standards and pride of place in Franklin Park. Projects will include painting and repairs, landscaping, and increased lighting. The city continues to work with Alliant Energy on the neighborhood street light plan. Since there was no grant money this year it was decided to offer hot dogs and buns to each established neighborhood for their block parties. Going forward there will be project based grants. It will be things like the signs that Near North is working on. If a neighborhood has an idea or a need that they can't fill, it should be brought forward to see how it can be accomplished.

#### CLOSING OF MEETING

Future meeting dates: November 7

#### ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7: 30 p.m.