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Tuesday, July 25, 2017 MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP CABINET- 6: 30 p.m.

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, Ellen Murphy, Penny Weber, Joe Clarke, Dean Dekker and Peter Sjollem

Members excused: Alderperson Markus Savaglio, Henry Capetillo, Chris Graeber and Rosemarie Trester

Others present: Neighborhood Development Planner Nancy Maring, Nancy Lorenz

Minutes:

Approve minutes of May 30, 2017. Approved with amendments: Add to Sheboygan Neighborhood Pride Update: Memorial Park has a nice core group of people; they have created a mission statement, accepted boundaries, working on a logo and will work on goals at their next meeting. Change on Near North report: A plant exchange and neighborhood clean-up day was rained out and is being rescheduled for sometime this fall.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

Feature

Presentation:

North and South Side Beat Cop Program - Officer Matt Heimerl

Chief Christopher Domagalski began by explaining that due to a SPD lieutenant's departure some promotions were created and former Beat Officer Andy Kunding has been promoted to sergeant and Officer Matt Heimerl is the new Beat Officer for the South Side.

Officer Heimerl has been with the SPD for 14 years. He previously worked with the Memorial neighborhood and he will be doing the same type of work on the south side. He will try to increase attendance at the meetings through outreach. Through Nixtel and Nextdoor he helped to take Memorial neighborhood from no members to having neighborhood meetings every month and on the forefront of becoming an association.

He realizes that different neighborhoods have different concerns. Walking through the neighborhoods allows you to get a much better feel of the neighborhood to address more of the issues that affect the residents there. He will be working cohesively with other city departments. He will be spending time with people, listening and helping to solve problems in these neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Association Reports -

Gateway - Chad reported for Henry Capetillo that their annual car show will be held on Sunday, August 13.

Ellis - Ellen Murphy reported that the Senior Center hosted a very successful Neighborhood Block Party for the Ellis Neighborhood. There was a booth set-up to generate some interest in Ellis and Officer Woodward was there and invitations were handed out to a meeting, however the block party was really more of a potluck party for the Senior Center. It was very nice but there were few neighborhood residents who attended. Some email addresses were collected at the party and Ellen connected with some on the Next Door website who had responded that they would attend a meeting but none of them attended. Ellen said they will try another neighborhood walk. The mayor thanked Ellen for "hanging in there".

North Flats

- Chad Pelishek reported that the North Flats neighborhood held a neighborhood walk last month and did a clean-up along the streets along with the police department. They met with neighbors and looked at properties along the way. The next neighborhood walk is scheduled for the middle of August. They are in the process of working on a neighborhood development plan with Nancy Maring. They are also looking at pushing their annual meeting up to September (instead of November) and planning a block/cook-out party.

Near North - Joe Clarke reported that they are planning for their neighborhood block party on August 31 with a rain date for the following week. He is hoping to have some neighborhood signs to show people at the block party. Depending on the final price they will have at least four signs made for the corners and possibly some for the major streets.

Indiana Corridor - Annual clean-up is planned for Saturday, July 29. They came up with their catch phrase - "Indiana Corridor - your way to the lakeshore." A neighborhood block party will be held separately at a later date.

Sheboygan Neighborhood Pride Update - Reported by Penny Weber.

King Park - Special meeting on July 10 called by Mayor Vandersteen had

attendance of 30 - 40 people. Because of the interest in that meeting, when the regular meeting was held the next week there were several new faces at this meeting. Elections will be held on August 16.

Penny then asked about the change of boundaries and when it would be discussed. The mayor said it could be discussed at this time. Chad Pelishek told Penny that after the election, and after a board is in place, they will work with her on a resolution to go to the council which will dictate the boundaries. The mayor will forward the letter he received from Penny to Chad requesting that King Park become an official neighborhood association and the list of boundaries.

Memorial - They continue to have monthly meetings. There is a core group of 9 to ten people. Four people have stepped forward interested to run for the board so they only need one more person. Elections are planned for October.

Franklin Park - They did a neighborhood walk and made a list of properties that needed grass cut and work done. A few neighbors from the Flats neighborhood are attending the Franklin Park meetings now.

Vollrath/North Point - They had a successful Brat with a Cop family night at Vollrath Park. They met on July 18 - had six in attendance. They are planning a historical neighborhood walk for October 7. They are also planning an aldermanic debate because they have three people running for the same aldermanic position.

National Night Out - National Night Out is always the first Tuesday in August. It will be held on August 1 from 5: 00 - 7: 30 p.m. at King Park. Games, food trucks, DJ with music, fire and police equipment, various vendors from throughout the community, Walk Against Crime at 6: 30. All three neighborhoods that are targeted on the southside are included in the walk. Flyers were provided.

Report by Police Chief Christopher Domagalski

The Beat Officers participated in end of year festivities at the Early Learning Center. The SRO's run Safety Town during the summer. They help out the Sheboygan Service Club and the Sheboygan Area School District. Bicycle Safety, Stranger Danger and Traffic Safety are some of the topics covered. Junior Police Academy was the last week in June. They hosted 30 middle school children between sixth and eighth grade. Values, the criminal justice system and good decision making are topics. Participated in Stuff the Squad with Roundy's. Roundy's put together non-perishable food bags, Off. Kundingger was there to sell them to customers, sold bags were put into a squad and he delivered the items to local food banks. Four squads were filled. On June 17 one of two Cops with Bobbers was held. Elementary school children from one of our more challenged neighborhoods are taken fishing. Off. Kundingger arranged for each child to get a free fishing pole to take home. This year they went to a private pond and caught tons of fish with off-duty police - pictures are posted on Facebook. Because the program has grown so much, there are over 60 kids that signed up for it this year so there will be another Cops with Bobbers held on August

13. Bench marks for crime in Sheboygan - for the first six months this year compared to the first six months last year, we've had a 20 percent drop in crime.

Report by Director of City Development Chad Pelishek

The City is receiving about \$800,000 from the Federal Block Grant Program in 2017. There has been \$66,000 for new trees in low to moderate income neighborhoods, \$10,000 for the Neighborhood Grant Program, \$10,000 for the Mayor's Neighborhood Leadership Cabinet (timeline October-November to release applications for projects for 2018 - may want to have boards discuss). Skate park project at Kiwanis Park - construction begins next week. It's a \$578,000 project - the block grant program is funding almost all of it. The goal is to have it complete by November. Neighborhood Lighting Program - This year \$10,000 was dedicated for lighting in targeted neighborhoods. Locations were mapped out in 25 - 30 areas that are either in need of a new light fixture on an existing pole or a new pole and a new light fixture. That information has been turned over to Alliant Energy who handles all the street lighting in the city and told them that the goal is to have all the darkest areas re-lit by the end of the year. Next year \$50,000 has been dedicated for the same use. With the assistance of the third shift officers, they are hoping to canvas all of the center city neighborhoods, as well as some alleys that have shown an increase in crime, for lighting issues. Memorial Mall Demolition - will start within the next week or two with the goal of having the mall demolished by the end of the year. Meijor will break ground in April. The City is working on a Business Park Expansion. The City wants to extend further south into the Town of Wilson between I 43 and County Highway OK. Our current Business Center is at about 85 percent capacity. In order to stay competitive in the marketplace, it's necessary to expand. The City has partnered with the John Michael Kohler Art Center to do some downtown art projects. The alley next to the Weill Center and the alley south of Maverick's Barbershop are receiving public art displays. The Dennis Sullivan, a three-masted schooner, will be in Sheboygan on August 15. There will be free educational deck tours from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. for the public. Nancy Maring and Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization and Relish Kitchen have partnered to produce a program through WSCS entitled Market Fresh Meals. The program goal is to educate the public on buying food from the Farmers Market and cooking healthy meals. The City closed a couple weeks ago on five properties on Indiana Avenue between 9th and 10th Streets. Those five properties will be torn down to create a redevelopment site.

Update on City's Neighborhood Revitalization Plans related to City's Strategic Plan

Nancy Maring distributed a map of the Franklin Park Neighborhood sanitation/maintenance need by block and talked about understanding existing conditions. During the neighborhood walk through, each property's sanitation and maintenance was scored, on a 0 - 3 scale, the higher score the larger the problem. Items surveyed include: presence of trash and debris, landscape maintenance and number of abandoned vehicles. A "Rock the Block" event is being planned in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity for sometime in October. They have funds and volunteers available and we also have volunteers and resources available where we could all get together and have a neighborhood party, shut down part of the street and also get some projects done on some of the houses that need help. Get a weedwacker, trim the lawns, on some homes the windows

could be repaired, put on siding with some of the resources from Habitat, etc.

CLOSING OF MEETING

Future meeting date: September
19.

Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6: 30 p.m.