

CITY OF SHEBOYGANMAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP CABINETTuesday, July 21, 2020

Mayor Vandersteen called the meeting to order at 6: 30 pm at City Hall in the 3rd Floor Council Chambers, 828 Center Avenue. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Members present: Mayor Mike Vandersteen, Director of Planning and Development Chad Pelishek, Community & Economic Development Planner Nancy Maring, Alderperson Betty Ackley, Alderperson Dean Dekker, Beth Counard, Jody Kraemer, and Bill Wood.

Others present: Officer Jeff Mares, Officer Israel Deutsch, Officer Kevin Post, Sergeant Andy Kunderling, and Bill Young.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of March 10 meeting. All ayes.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

3.1 Feature

Presentation:

"Street Lighting" Nancy Maring and Officer Jeff Mares. Community & Economic Development Planner Nancy Maring stated that federal money from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is spent in neighborhoods that have been identified as low to moderate income. One of the top concerns that Planning Dept. staff heard at Neighborhood Association meetings was regarding darkness in certain areas of the neighborhoods. The Planning Dept. enlisted help from the third shift Police Officers to rate the areas of darkness on a map, they established this baseline information in 2017 - 2018. The Planning Dept. analyzed the map and visited the sites in-person to assess the cause of darkness. Some lighting areas were improved by tree trimming. A partnership was established with Alliant Energy to install about 25 new street light fixtures. The third shift Police Officers took note of about 120 existing street light fixtures that weren't functioning properly, those issues were corrected within a matter of a couple weeks. For the 2019 - 2020 portion of the project, about 33 new street light fixtures will be installed by Alliant Energy. There has been nearly \$200,000 spent on this initiative so far. The street lights aren't going to solve all of the darkness problems, but that's where partnership with Neighborhood Associations comes into play. Officer Jeff Mares presented information about the Police Dept. partnering with the Kuehne Park neighborhood. This initiative encouraged residents to turn on their porch lights to help alleviate dark areas.

3.2 Discussion about the annual September get-together of neighborhood leads. Director of Planning and Development Chad Pelishek is looking to get feedback about if having this annual event is feasible. Chad and Nancy will reach out to the neighborhood leads and ask for RSVPs to gauge the level of interest.

3.3 Neighborhood Roundtable Discussion.

Sergeant Andy Kunding was one of the original Beat Cops and will soon be taking over supervision of the unit. He introduced the newest addition to the Beat Cops unit Kevin Post will start on August

3. If any of the Neighborhood Associations have questions or comments, they are encouraged to reach out to Sergeant Kunding. Mayor Vandersteen congratulated Officer Mares on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for 28.5 years of service.

Jody Kraemer asked about getting a map of the neighborhood associations so that it is easier to understand which members are from which area. Officer Deutsch stated that such a map is available on www.sheboyganpolice.com and on www.sheboyganneighborhoodpride.info.

Jody Kraemer raised a concern about insufficient lighting on the corner of 7th Street and Geele Ave. and why they can't get a street light through the CDBG funds. This area has crime concerns. Nancy Maring stated that the CDBG funds are specific to the designated low and moderate income areas. It is a possibility to look into getting a street light at this location, the feasibility of this would depend on the availability of funding. Mike Willmas, who is the Superintendent of Facilities and Traffic Division at the DPW, would be the one to orchestrate this project.

Beth Counard stated that the Vollrath/North Point Neighborhood Association has continued to have their meetings in May and June. They have canceled their neighborhood picnic. They are hoping to still have their 4th annual Historic Walk on October

3. She expressed her thanks to Chad for his help with the brochure holder that s on display at The Shack the brochures are being taken at a steady rate and it s encouraging to know that history is being shared with the public.

Aldersperson Dean Dekker stated that the Indiana Corridor is planning their first meeting since the start of the pandemic to take place at Moose Park on July

22. New playground equipment for Moose Park has been ordered, so everyone is looking forward to that. They are on schedule to have their large item disposal program during the second weekend of September he asked what the other neighborhoods have done to get the word out about their events. Officer Deutsch stated that King Park did door hangers in 2019 but for 2020 did only Facebook and Nextdoor this year they had about the same amount of tonnage both years.

Mayor Vandersteen mentioned that on Monday, July 21 he had No parking signs put up on the streets around Vollrath Park as a means of dispersing the Monday night food trucks. He did this because he was in a conference call with the Sheboygan County Division of Public Health earlier that day and learned that the number of COVID cases went up by 97 during the span of the previous week this accounts for 23 % of all the cases in the past four months. He felt that he needed to take action to try to turn things around. Although the Mayor s

role doesn't have the power to control how privately owned bars and restaurants operate, one thing that he does have the power to do is to limit parking on city streets. This has resulted in the Mayor having discussions with the food truck vendors and establishing agreements to make the event safer in the future.

3.4 Sheboygan Neighborhood Pride update. Penny Weber was not in attendance; Mayor Vandersteen asked if anyone else had talked to her recently. Officer Mares stated that Penny attended the most recent Kuehne Park meeting; they have their bylaws drafted and have three people willing to be board members, they are on track to be official by the end of this year. Officer Deutsch had recently met with Penny and her board members to give an update about the up-and-coming Neighborhood Associations. Franklin Park and The Flats are in the process of forming.

CLOSING OF MEETING Next meeting date: Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

ADJOURN Meeting adjourned at 7: 09 pm.