

Neighborhood Council 9

Thursday, October 13, 2016

1st Church of the Nazarene, 1727 2nd Ave. South

Chairman Joe Leggett presiding

All Council Members Present except Jeff Lauver & Jared Kuno

7:15 PM meeting called to order by Chairman Leggett

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

- September meeting minutes approved.
- Old Business:
 - Lincoln School traffic issues: The addition to the school zone on 25th St S and other traffic issues were discussed. Officer Huston stated the only warnings have been issued so far at the new crossing. Gary Schoenthal commented on ongoing traffic and parking issues on the 27th St S side of Lincoln School. The council will consider looking into this at a future meeting.
 - Neil Fortier of NeighborWorks gave a report on the progress of the new apartment building and the Kranz property “Beargrass Village” projects. The apartment plans to be complete on December 1st.
- New Business:
 - Jason Madill owner of the Martha Apartments requested a letter of support from the council for a no interest loan from the city to renovate the property. Liz Rice questioned if the work would be done with the required permits and inspections. Patty Caldwell stated that this would be required in order to secure the loan. The council approved his request and Chairman Leggett will write the letter. Judy White stated she had been told in the past that such a loan was not available. It was suggested that she should once again look into applying.
 - Officer Houston provided the latest statistics on criminal and traffic offenses in the area. Bernard Danishefsky reported from the Chief's Advisory meeting that the city was considering increasing the penalty for cell phone use while driving.

Liz Rice, Jeff Ward and Toni Harris questioned the status of Martha Apartments with regard to criminal activity. Officer Houston reported the only one problem tenant was still in residence and that his eviction would be final in about 30 days. Jason Madill stated that he would do what he could to prevent future problems but that there were limitations on who he could reject as tenants. The neighbors (already noted) stated their concerns regarding past problems. Office Houston noted that in the past the police were unable to make arrests or issue citations without a formal complaint.

- Joe Petrella from the Parks and Rec Department and representatives from Bockholt Architects provided the final version of the proposed changes to Kranz park. It was noted that there is currently no money in the city budget to implement any of the plan. Patty Caldwell stated that other councils got involved in fund raising for similar projects and she had bank accounts available for our use. Joe Petrella stated that matching fund grants might be available. A poster of the proposed plan was left for the council.
- Other Business
 - Mrs Joe Briggs provided a campaign video for her husband who is running for re-election as Cascade county commissioner. Bonnie Fogerty spoke on behalf of Faye McWilliams who is running for the position of Clerk of Courts.
- Neighborhood Concerns

Judy White commented on a student driving a red pickup who was frequently speeding out of the GFHS west parking lot down 4th Ave S. Officer Houston recommended that she get the license number and report him to the School Resource Officer.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM (all in favor).