

10/14/15 Neighborhood Council # 2

Meeting called to order by Chair Strickland—saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Olson takes attendance; Chair Strickland, Vice-Chair Patera, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Ferderer, and Secretary Olson are present, a quorum is established.

New Business:

Greater Faith Church of the Open Door

- They have purchased the old St. Joseph's Parrish location at 420 2nd Ave SW. Pastor Rob and Alice Lewis were present along with several members of their church family.
 - The church is a non-denominational ministry with goals of community identity. They will have a clothing pantry and outreach programs once they open around Thanksgiving. They focus on lighting a spark with positive coals.
 - Their services will include a 9:30 am bible study, 11 am mass along with women and men's bible studies on Monday and Tuesday, respectively. They have a general bible study on Thursdays. The rectory will be called the House of Grace and will host those bible studies.
 - They will provide counseling services as well as Pastor Alice is a certified counselor and Pastor Rob is a qualified Pastoral counselor.
- Ms. Patera posed the question about better accessibility and they stated that the plan is to widen the back ramp area and eventually have bathrooms available on the West side of the buildings.

Officer Tad Kimmett- Community Policing Officer

- Very little crime, many abandoned vehicle calls, 2 robberies for the year and minor vandalism and theft calls
- Pastor Rob asked about vandalism to the church. Officer Kimmett said to call it in and they would up the patrol in the area. Pastor Rob had caught kids in the act and talked to their families. Officer Kimmett said they could reinforce that talk with the children.
- Mary Ann asked about children not buckled in cars and was told to call it into the center and they would get someone out there as Mary Ann said this was an everyday occurrence.
- Bruce Morgan, Cindy and Jim Hall and Jamie Maan were present and are home owners on the 9th St NW Block. Their concern is a renter running a towing truck company from his home. The tow-man has many vehicles for his business taking up parking in front of their homes, they are speeding through the neighborhood and home owners are concerned for their children. Officer Kimmett said to keep calling it in. It was asked if a petition should be signed or what should be done. No petition at this time but coming to the meeting was the first step in getting this resolved.

Other Business:

- Council of Councils meets October 27. Chair Strickland will again bring up the Holman building and present the letter from his lawyer.

Neighborhood Concerns

- Mr. Ferderer asked about the crosswalk lights on 6th St Sw. Bill Bronson said he would look into as Mr. Ferderer has spoken to the DOT about them not working.
- Mary Ann asked about lilac bushes in the line of vision and she was told to call it in.
- Secretary Olson asked about the new horizontal parking spaces on 4th St SW. Was asked to call public works regarding these.

Old Business

- Approval of September minutes as corrected, Mr. Ferderer made a motion to approve, Vice-Chair Patera 2nd.
- West Kiwanis:

- 2 lights will be placed, contracts and permits being signed. Should be about 6-8 weeks. They are looking at placing a 3rd and 4th light so that is the hold up.
- Mr. Ferderer mentioned 2 street lamps being placed in the center of West Kiwanis park free of charge by the city.
- Police Advisory Board Meeting mentioned Coffee with a Cop on 10/20 at Shultee's from 11-1 pm. A goal is to focus on cracking down on massage parlors and pan-handling. Mr. McCoy brought up the Hay-man again and they spoke of some code issues. Bill Bronson said there is a foreseeable code clean-up plan in the works regarding the consistency and ability to enforce problems as some codes may overlap.
- West Levy Update:
 - Sandy Maers was not present as she was getting ready for the flood board meeting tomorrow (10/15/15) at the Knights of Columbus.
- There will be another training session for the council members Jan 11th that is mandatory

Mr. McCoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ferderer 2nd the motion.

Our next meeting will be November 11th, 2015 at 7pm. West Elementary Library- please note the room change.

Respectfully submitted, Brittany R. Olson