

Meeting minutes of the Southgate Triangle Neighborhood Council General Meeting held Wednesday, October 13 from 7-9pm at the Southgate Mall community room.

Present: Leadership Team members Hans Christiansen, Erik West

Residents: Ann Carpenter, Christine Ross

City Council representatives and residents Ed Childers, Lyn Hellegaard

Others: Tom Zavitz and Erin Scott

**The meeting opened with a welcome and introduction of the leadership team members at 7:05 pm.**

**Public comment on items not on the agenda.**

Tom Zavitz introduced himself as a planner with the Office of Planning & Grants. He explained that each planner is assigned to attend neighborhood meetings to be a resource and of assistance in planning and zoning issues and questions.

**New Business**

**Meet the candidates for upcoming November election for state house and senate seats.**

Patty Lovaas & Tom Facey SD 48, David Wanzenried SD 49, Ryan Thompson HD 97 and Nicholas Lisi for County Sheriff were in attendance. Each candidate gave a background of their experience and shared some of their platform philosophies.

Questions were asked and dialogue exchanged around those topics.

**Elections**

The neighborhood Council officially elected acting Community Forum Representative Erik West to that position. Christine Ross was nominated at the September leadership team meeting for secretary.

No one volunteered to serve in that capacity at the meeting, so no other nominations were brought forth.

It was decided to elect another alternate to the Community Forum. The current alternate has not been present at any leadership team meetings and has not been able to be contacted for some time. Lyn Hellegaard nominated Christine Ross as an alternate to Community Forum. Ed Childers seconded that nomination. All positions were voted in unanimously.

**Large Project Grant application update**

The NC applied jointly with the South 39<sup>th</sup> Street NC for art on 3 traffic signal boxes on S. 39<sup>th</sup> Street. The funding committee has requested neighbors adjacent to those signal boxes be contacted for their input in the process. Some citizens have expressed disliking what they may have to look at everyday. A letter was generated from the Office of Neighborhoods to the project coordinator, Jeff Stevens asking for this outreach to be done as part of the application.

**Traffic Calming Plan for the neighborhood**

An update on the application submitted in February was shared. The findings of the traffic study were shared and the options explained. Where to go from here? Due to the economic climate, and the fact that a recent road and park district were established, it was expressed that going to residents and selling another tax imposed upon them would probably not be supported. The option of having McDonald Street marked with lines indicating center line, ped/bike lane of which the City will do as part of traffic services was the best option to proceed with at this time. It was expressed that crosswalks/signage indicating pedestrians may be crossing on McDonald street and the same be done in the Boyd Park area on Ernest Street as the park is being used more heavily with the installation of the new playground equipment. Christine Ross will follow up on that request.

**Property vacation at 38<sup>th</sup> Street/Dore Lane**

The leadership team was contacted with a request to comment on a property vacation. The site was visited and it was decided there was no objection due to the fact that the movie theatre commercial parking lot prohibited extension of the street to Reserve St.

Lyn Hellegaard expressed concern that if the subdivision request in that area ever went through and was developed that there would not be adequate routes to evacuate if in the event of an emergency it was necessary and that option should not be closed off. The commercial property should be considered for an easement of right of way. She will express that when it comes to City Council for approval.

## **Review and Approve April 2010 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes are an official record of neighborhood council activities and business requiring a vote by residents. Erik West motioned to approve the meeting minutes from April 2010. Ed Childers seconded the motion. All were in favor of adoption.

## **Treasures Report**

Update on current amount in the general budget and the mailing supplement and discuss recent expenditures. Erik West reported that as of current, there is \$391.23 in the general budget and \$289.81 in the mailing supplement.

## **Old Business**

The Boyd Park party was a success and the use of the park has increased with the installation of the new playground. There is a fall zone where the old swings used to be. Parks Department and the NC are looking for funding for another piece of play equipment for that space.

Neighborhood Watch is an ongoing outreach for membership.

The leadership team will continue to work towards increasing involvement by neighbors in the council system and increase attendance at general meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm