

MINUTES - Fireman's Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA) General Meeting

October 16, 2013, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Submitted by Taku Ronsman, Secretary

Attendance (16 FPNA, 2 City of GB reps, 2 Guest Speakers = 20 total): Carolyn Stoviak (Pres.), Crystal Moureau (Vice Pres.), Taku Ronsman (Sec.), Teresa Hasenohrl (Board Member), Janene Olson (Treas.), Vic Pelishek (Board Member), Herb Hessil (Board Member), Brian Danzinger (Dist. 11 Alderman), Sadie Di Natale (City Hall), Linda Patzke (Zero Waste Presenter), Joe Mongin (Military Avenue Business Association Presenter), Jean Hessil, Al Kimber, Darleen Kimber, Violet A Leitzke, Ron Olson, Bob Felton, Ruth Felton, Eileen Duffy, Pat Revolinski,

Call to Order: FPNA Pres. Carolyn Stoviak called the meeting to order. She announced the 2 presenters would go first, and then we would conduct our business.

Zero Waste Presentation: Linda Patzke, President of the Brown County Zero Waste Coalition was the presenter. She explained the significance of the Zero Waste Movement, and steps Brown County government and other organizations are taking toward that goal. Some of the information provided included:

- Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties will begin recycling all plastics (except plastic bags) in 2014.
- Composting has even more of an impact on reducing global warming than recycling does
- Brown County has a Zero Waste Plan to reduce waste going into landfills
- A composting facility is being developed at the Green Bay landfill facility
- Researchers at UWGB are trying to find ways to be sustainable
- Campus composting is going on at colleges in WI, and at East High
- 5 Steps to sustainability are: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Compost, and Redesign (products that don't fit into the 1st 4 categories)

Military Avenue Business Association Update: Joe Mongin, Vice President of the military Avenue Business Association (MABA) was the presenter. He gave us an update on the Military Avenue Business Improvement District (BID) classification that was recently approved by the Green Bay Common Council. Joe said they hope to hire a full-time BID Director in January 2014. Joe stated that participation by the BID business owners and neighborhood volunteers are the life-blood of a successful BID. Military Avenue Business Association will be recruiting volunteers in 4 areas: Economic Development, Organization, Design and Marketing/Events Planning. They anticipate having a total budget of \$100,000 to dedicate to those 4 areas. Some activity ideas that have been suggested include a spring clean-up, a 50's/60's car show, and a music festival.

Secretary's Report: Taku Ronsman summarized the Minutes from the July 2013 Board of Directors meeting at Harmony Cafe. The Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Janene Olson reported we had \$1,932 and \$2,414 was deposited. We expended \$2,374, leaving a current balance of \$1,972 + \$20 petty cash.

Presidents Report: Carolyn Stoviak announced she plans to step down from the FPNA Presidency next year when her 3 year term is up. She noted the Vice-President and Secretary are 2 year terms and requested nominations for either position. No one was volunteered and no one was nominated

from the general membership present. The members present were in consensus to keep the current Vice-President (Crystal Moureau) and Secretary (Taku Ronsman) for 2 more years.

Carolyn thanked everyone who helped with the Spring Clean-up by the Fire Station, as well as Thomas from Villa West, who picked up 4 large garbage bags of litter. She also gave an update on the Little Libraries and the Brat Fry. Book donations for the Little Library can be given to Carolyn or Crystal Moureau. The Festival Brat Fry brought in \$150 for FPNA.

Dist. 11 Alderman's Report: Alder Brian Danzinger

1. The Park and Forestry Committee looked at the damaged path that leads from the Beaver Dam Drive cul-du-sac to Fireman's Park. Since it is an unbudgeted item, they will need to do limited patchwork to fill the holes temporarily. Low hanging trees were trimmed along the path to make it safer to walk and ride a bike.
2. Budget hearing will be held Nov. 5, 2013. Brian supports a zero increase in taxes. He hopes they can reduce the tax burden by .009%.
3. A West Side Listening Session is scheduled for 7 pm October 28 (Monday) in the library at Southwest High School. A panel city leaders will answer questions regarding solid waste, the Walmart for Broadway, construction for the Leo Frigo Bridge.
3. The Westside Concert in the Park will be conducted in the summer of 2014 with the Military Avenue BID as a partner.
4. Sanimax is sponsoring the MacArthur Neighborhood Association for \$500.

Next Meeting: The FPNA Board of Directors (BOD) will meet January 15, 2014 from 6:30-8pm at Harmony Cafe - Green Bay.