

## ENO General Membership Meeting September 3, 2014

Nancy called the meeting at 7:00 pm

Minutes from the June meeting: A suggestion was made for approving the May minutes and all future minutes instead of just placing on file.

Brian motioned to approve the minutes as written Denise P 2<sup>nd</sup> they are approved.

Introductions were made around the room since we had some new people joining us.

Police Advisory Board- Nancy One officer is retiring Julie Horning. LPD is getting new officers at least 8 of them if they pass everything. The Police have finished the move to the Hill center. It will be named the LPD Operation Center. There is a candidate's night hosted by Colonial Village Neighborhood on Sept 17<sup>th</sup>. There is an issue of Truancy at the school district already. The School district has only one truant officer for the whole district. Green Oaks is still having a major problem with prostitutes; part of the problem is the 10-12 empty houses in the neighborhood. They may also have gang activity beginning. The name of the Promise Kids' dinner held each year is now Lansing Police Department Advisory Board (LPDAB) Sponsored Awards Dinner. There will be a desk at their main door on the North side of building, opposite of the Southside Community Center. Officer Hamilton stepped in and gave some updates on the multiple shootings happening in Lansing recently. It was mentioned that behind the hospital to Howard St. there have been a lot of B and E's. Nancy has mentioned it to the Captain. We have had a few snatch and grabs on the Eastside as well.

Question about if you should file a police report even if nothing or very little was taken. Answer is yes. If not major you can report it online if they left evidence then have an officer come out. This way LPD can track it.

A Concern about how we address groups of people without knowing if they are really involved or not were expressed. It led to a discussion about the people on the streets and holding signs- Also mentioned were the people who are at 496/Penn and Main/Malcolm X that they are using the bathroom in public in the Potter Walsh area. They were bothering the kids. Jody spoke with Joan Jackson, Johnson and learned that the city has to give notice to leave the bridge and other places. At 127/Kalamazoo St Area there is a large group living there. It is technically in Lansing Township. The Mayor is working on it starting Downtown and working their way outwards. Jody mentioned the homeless camp under the Shiawassee Bridge. She complained and so has other people about it and the city turned the power off and they left.

City Council- Jody Washington 1st Contact is this Saturday 10:30-Noon the Avenue Updates on LFD fire board member and ANC. She would like to spend most of the time on thoughts from her constituents.

BWL- Bob Perialas the Smart App is up and running for mobile phones. Senior citizen and medical in your home forms were sent it out to all customers to have them updated. He passed out a brochure about what improvements they have made since the storm in December.

Q- Where would someone find out how to apply for the senior rate when 65 and up? It is a discount if you are using 600 watts or less a month. A- Call the customer service dept. and they can give you the information. Dennis Louney is still our first ward rep on the BWL board. He is currently the chair of the finance committee Q- Who decides which limbs get cut? A-BWL uses a national standard to decide. Discussion about tree trimming followed. BWL has been trying to be more open and better about getting communications out to the neighborhoods and customers.

ENO Fall Newspaper- Delivery will be around October 1<sup>st</sup>. Submissions of articles and ads are due by September 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a firm deadline.

Website- Brian Baer We have the domain name for two years. We now have to renew the host company. We now have name.com (national company). There had been a discussion about moving it to a local company example Liquid Web or others in town when we discussed it last year. So we are revisiting it since the renewal is in October. Brian is willing to maintain the website. Discussion followed.

Brian motioned to move the hosting of the website to Liquid Web when our current contract is up. 2nd by Deb. It passed.

Candidates Night -Denise It will be on Wednesday October 1, 2014 at 6 pm. Nancy and Julee will start the set up earlier in the day after 2 pm. Denise will be there by 5pm. If you have any questions for the candidates and do not want to write them yourself please send them to Denise.

Brian made a motion for ENO to put in a stipend request to the Mayor's Grant for Candidates Night 2015. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maggie It passed.

Treasurer's report- Theresa She is going to the bank tomorrow.

Mayor Grant- Kickoff is Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. So if there is any ideas for grants that ENO can do please let Nancy know. The final grant proposals are due November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Holiday Party- Denise It will be on Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be discussing the details at the Nov board meeting.

November meeting Presentation- Nancy We will be inviting the media to the meeting to discuss about putting the pictures out to the public and what their policies are. More details as it gets closer.

ANC- Denise P. Eastside Neighbor Newsletter deadline is Sept 13<sup>th</sup> for the next cycle. Need volunteers for the garden house. The exchange is going well. They have a way to use it for personal use and they have lots of produce for canning right now.

Maggie made a motion to close the meeting. 2nd by Theresa It passed

Meeting ended at 8:35 pm

Submitted by  
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