

ENO General Membership Meeting Minutes February 4, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Nancy Mahlow, president

Introductions made around the room.

Nancy made an announcement on behalf of Councilmember Jody Washington about her 1st Saturday meeting on Feb 7th. Kathie Dunbar will be leading the meeting in Jody's absence. (She is in Mexico)

Police Advisory Board- Nancy - There was a Survey to look for new volunteers for police dept 11 new volunteers were added for CARE and domestic advocates programs due to the survey. All patrol officers will have body cameras by 2016 but are starting a few now. The police dept is working on improving the hiring process since the new officers will not be getting the same benefits as the ones already there. Nancy also mentioned some officers and their promotions /retirements.

LPD- Officer Hamilton The big issue with the body cameras is the amount of data storing on them. Most of Lansing thinks that LPD is doing a good job. LPD is going to turn upside down in the next five years. They will be hiring 100 officers during that time. He has noticed a few B and E's during the last few days. Question was asked about the knowledge and experience of officers on the force now going to the new ones. He mentioned that a lot of former LPD officers are the ones training the new officers at academy and on the roads here. LPD currently has about 200 officers (city budgeted for 193) some are federal above that. At peak times there are 15 officers on the road. We have about 5 CPO areas with a sixth that is empty. Chief Yankowski wants to have 10 CPO areas. There are 3 School Resource officers. (1 in each high school) If you are on nextdoor.com you have seen the note about Robert. He is harmless. Nancy mentioned it. He is nice but she is concerned about his welfare. Garrett says to give a call about him if you see him so he can meet up with him and talk to him.

BWL-Dennis Louney- He stated that when you look around the state BWL has one of the lower rates and is a good place even with all the upheaval recently. They have a basic audit is going on; not expecting to see a problem. There is no set timeline for a new permanent general manager. The board is working with the community on where BWL wants to go and then start a search committee. The new representatives from the surrounding cities/townships have started to attend but will be official in July. There is an insurance policy if BWL is on the hook for the full 900,000 or whatever the payout is. BWL has hired an outside attorney who is working on the arbitration; if a settlement is reached then insurance will not come into play. Hopefully in the next 90 days this will be taken care of.

Nancy passed around the Board election form the room and encouraged people to run for the board.

CARE (Capital Area Response Effort) - Caroline Nelson They are this year's Souper partner.

They go and meet with the victim if the suspect is picked up. They are called by LPD dispatch or an officer directly to come to the scene. The staff covers LPD 8am-1am if after 1am then pick it up the next day. If the suspect is not pickup then they talk with them on the phone. They do a lot of safety planning with clients. They also go to court with them and appts; whatever is needed to help. There are 40 volunteers working with this program; they cover the weekends (volunteers). They have some clients they see once; some they work with for years. They have about 1400-1600 clients a year. 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men are affected by domestic violence. LPD fills out a CARE form on any type of calls even

verbal abuse ones. They deal with intimate violence only if there is a relationship there. They always want new volunteers. She answered questions from people in the meeting about the program.

Fire Commissioner Update- Betty Draher is ill and unable to attend this month.

Quad meetings are still happening (Nancy, Joan, Brian, Jody, Rebecca and Andy) they meet again on Feb 18th. They did meet with John Shaski and a Sparrow rep. They discussed the new cancer center. It will be 4 floors above ground, 1 under, with a parking ramp. Denise let us know that ABC is continuing their conversations about this project as well as the playground with Sparrow.

Land use- Nancy This Monday at City Council there is the Red Cedar public hearing. The city has reached a purchase agreement with the developers. If you have not heard that Sparrow is working on Medical building on the other side of Oakland going away from Frandor. They are going to demo the current building and build new one.

Newspaper- The Spring newspaper will start earlier than usual due to an Eastern project of historical items that we want to include it.

Schools- Nancy mentioned that at this point Eastern will not close so far. A group of Alumni toured the Jackson High School that is older than Eastern and was renovated to upgrade it. There are lots of great things happening at Eastern right now; Nancy encouraged people to get involved with our schools.

Treasurer's Report - Theresa \$2858.21 in the checking account. This does not include the 2 CDs.

ANC- Denise P. She passed out the new Eastside Neighbor. The next Active Neighboring Café is Saturday Feb 21 10-12 at the AMP and it is on Neighborhood Beautification. Brett K from Parks and Rec and John Krohn from Land Bank will lead the presentations. The Eastside Neighbor will start going quarterly and will be 8 pages long; Next one will be May, June and July. The winter's farmers market is going strong, Lots of great items for you to pick up.

There was a question from the floor about the money in the checking account. Is it ear marked for specific projects or can people suggest some ideas for usage. It was answered that some of it is earmarked but we hear ideas on some of it.

Spring Souper- Denise K. She passed around the signup sheets. The Souper is on Saturday March 7th 4-6:30 pm at Pattengill. The CARE program is our organization partner this year. Please encourage everyone you know to come. There will be raffles (adult and kids only) and a silent auction. Also there will be celebrity servers dishing out the soup.

Dave M motioned to adjourn the meeting 2nd by Theresa. It passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted by
Denise Kelley
ENO Secretary

