

ENO General Membership Meeting Minutes September 2, 2015

Nancy called meeting to order at 7:04pm

Brian McGrain- county commissioner-They have been working on the 2 millages that were passed recently, the parks trails and the Ingham Health Plan. They are evaluating the health plan for how to funding the program. There is 10-12 million dollars in the plan fund now. The board will probably be pulling back on about 1/3 of what is coming in for it which means a possible tax break for the homeowners of Ingham County. For the Trails millage, they working on how and what is the best ways to use the money. The county budget for 2016 has no cuts in it and is status co. The county is fairly ok. Brian has talked with a judge that deals with drug cases about how to get a handle on all the drug problems rising especially heroin overdoses in Lansing. He is also on the Land bank board if you have any questions about it.

Jody Washington- city council she thanked Theresa Moore for all her work on the human trafficking article in the City Pulse and keeping a close eye on the Kzoo corridor. She is working on ways to help them get help. She wants them out of the neighborhoods and find help for the women. Jody will continue working on this issue. She has a huge problem with the 47 heroin overdoses so far this year. The Sky Vue project was voted for on at Monday's council meeting it is at old story olds location. They only asked for Brownfield abatement. It does show that projects can be done without all the tax credits and such. Feldman Bud Knots's plan for remodeling their location was also passed at Monday's council meeting. The Beacon Field Soccer Field opened today. Jody is happy with all the great things happening in Lansing and the all the good changes on Kzoo with the building where ANC, Happendance, and Sleepwalker are going into. The next 1st Saturday is Oct 3rd 10:30-noon BWL Depot. S Washington.

John Shaski- Sparrow-The Cancer center building construction is going on. The new gathering place (food court) at the main hospital should be done in early spring 2016. The Bingham playground should be in by end of September. They are looking at ways to stop people from smoking anywhere the hospital's properties. Denise Kelley thanked Brian and John for all their help on making the playground happen.

Nancy Mahlow- Police advisory board- Chief Mike Yankowki has also noticed the increase in deaths from heroin. The city has had more overdoses then homicides this year. In the purist form of heroin, it can be 50-60% strong which is not good. There were reports of patients from Sparrow coming back inside the hospital with drugs. (From this notice John Shaski will let security at Sparrow know about it) Narcan- it is given to a patient to reverse at an overdose. They are looking into having officers keep some in their cars. There are promotions coming up in the department soon. The vacancies should be filled by the end of the year. They are looking at body cameras for each officer that would be 200 of them. Due to violent crimes in the last three days, they have taken 5 guns off the streets. There are issues with reports being taken and officers not returning calls to people. They took up a collection to purchase a flag to honor fallen officers. They will raise it soon at the operations center on Wise Road. There was a question/concern about the city's neighborhood resource coordinator handling neighborhood watch items. That is not correct; there is a neighborhood watch officer for those issues.

ENO Fall Newspaper- Nancy The forms are due October 8th. We need ads and articles. The ads are what pay to have the paper printed. We will take all articles. Around October 15th is when it will be out. There are some older issues on the website.

Candidates Night- Denise October 7th is the date. Judge Hugh Clarke will be our moderator this year. The meet and greet will begin at 6 pm and the question and answer sessions will start at 6:30 pm. We have invited the candidates running for At large City Council and the First Ward candidates.

Holiday party- Denise It will be on December 2nd. It will start about 6:30 pm. We would like people to bring noon perishable food items with them to the party. We will have rest of the details at the November meeting.

Souper- It will on either March 5 or March 12, 2016. We have to get conformation from the school district for using Pattengill's cafeteria. More details to come in a few months.

Monthly meeting with the quad are still going on. The quad is Nancy Mahlow (ENO president) Jody Washington (city council), Joan Nelson (ANC), Brian McGrain and Rebecca Bahar- Cook (county commissioners), and Rep Andy Schor (State Rep). They do invite other officials to attend when needed. Most of what they discuss is what they announce to us here at this meeting. They are able to stop many items at all levels and not have duplications. They do many items jointly such as write letters on topics.

Lansing airport- John Shaski from Sparrow – He is on this board if you have any questions/concerns feel free to contact him. American Airlines is looking into coming here to offer a direct flight between Lansing and Washington DC. There are many business people who use that flight. Sun County is set to leave the airport as well; people will miss the direct flights to Cancun and other warm spots. People can send letters about the AA plan to them to encourage them to do so. There have been many from businesses in DC but not from Lansing.

Treasurer report- Theresa - We have \$1376.32 in the checking account. She did not have the amounts of the CDS so she will look into where they stand and get back to us.

School bond Proposal Committee meetings are Sept 15th and 29th, where the proposal will be presented to the school board. There are 2 bids turned in about the Eastern building but they are sealed so we do not have any additional information on it. The RFP is the school website with all the details of what was required.

Theresa- She noticed on larch by the QD that people from riverfront towers are using the middle of the street to walk and cross. Jody noticed it as well and has been talking about it in public safety. Theresa- neighbor garage door was tagged. Officer Southworth had it cleaned up quickly after she contacted him since she could not reach anyone else at LPD to help her.

Nancy-The CATA shelter at speedway on MI ave and riverfront towers are now gone. Not sure why? Brian Baer will contact CATA about doing a presentation on the BRT at the November meeting.

Minutes were ok with one change Deb name Brain M motioned Brian Baer 2 nd It passed.

There was a question about Go Fund campaign for lights /art at the overpass on Michigan Ave project. There is a website with all the details.

Sept 18th- Sept 20th It is support law enforcement weekend. Thank them or just try a blue ribbon somewhere on your porch.

Deb B motioned to close the meeting Brian 2nd it. It passed. Meeting closed at 820pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Denise Kelley
ENO Secretary

