

ENO General Membership meeting Minutes September 7, 2016

Meeting started at 7:05pm. Called to order by Nancy Mahlow, president

Introductions were made around the room.

City council- Jody Washington BWL and Scott sunken garden debate is still going on. She is hoping to move it out of committee soon. Tomorrow at 10am the development and planning committee will have hopefully the last discussion on it. The city's Medical marijuana ordinance should roll out soon. They have been working on a responsible bidding ordinance that should come out tomorrow. Oct 1 is the next 1st contact meeting at 10:30am at the BWL Depot.

County Commissioner- Brian McGrain -He is sorry that he will be missing the 1st contact meeting with Jody and our candidate's night. County is still on summer schedule. They are working on the budget right now. They will dip into the reserves still just a little bit. Bad news is 2018 budget may be bad. County retirement fund will need more soon. They have been talking about building a new jail, not sure they could not afford to build new anytime soon. They are figuring out what to do with the current jail to make it work for a while. Thank you for the support of the animal shelter vote. There was a question about the job description for new executive director for Land bank. Another question about Community mental health cuts, do you see any more coming? He does not see any but they only add a small amount to it the most is from state dollars. Has the county started to work on plans for the economic downfall that is supposedly coming soon? Jody will get the reports to Brian about what the city was told.

Newspaper- Nancy- we have ad and article forms to give out. We are going to newsletter form instead of newspaper. Brian can put full versions of articles on the website and short version in the newsletter. We are having some trouble finding a printer and layout design person.

Baker/Donora, Holmes Street, Potter Walsh, Eastside Action Church and LPD are meeting about issues happening in the Donora Park and Hunter Park with youth. They have developed a plan on how to deal with the youth that want to be a gang but are not. The Pastor Stan will offer some classes and LPD will develop an intervention for the youth and parents along with the neighborhoods. Joan and Capt. Southworth will be working together to talk with refugee service groups here in the area and learn about their culture. They will pull in other neighborhood groups and people when needed. Discussion was held about the others learning. Nancy has been asked to facilitate those meetings.

Neogen 5K - Carolyn and Michael- They are leading a 5K race on May 13, 2017 to support the Herbert Herman cancer center. They had from 2000-2013 a Women working wonders 5K run but it had stopped so Neogen approached Sparrow about doing a 5k. They are using a section of Jerome Street to start the route they are proposing to give to the city but they wanted our neighborhoods to know about it first. Most of the parking is at Eastern high school. Saturday morning at 9am is the start time. Start/finish line will be where the rock is at Jerome and Holmes. There will be 3 events, 5K, mile for kids 15 and under from start/finish to Clemens start about 10 am and along Holmes a 100 yard dash for 5 and under. There are 3 neighborhood groups on the route: Armory Alliance, Eastfield, and FYN. They will be running on Horton street north thru the gate and turning to go back to Marshall. They will work with Brian Baer for planters to be moved by garden project community garden. Police presence will be there to help with traffic control. They are expecting 200-500 btw 9 am-10am. They will direct runners to towards Sparrow and on the grassy area for medals. Speaker noises may start at 8am. Volunteers will be along the route to help runners. They are looking for a sponsor so that people can have signs for loved ones on the easements along the route. (50-60 signs max). The event should

end no later than noon for cleanup and everything, 1pm at the latest. They are still working on their target goal of how much money they are hoping to raise. Sparrow wants to raise 8.5 million; they are at 6.5 mill now. So anything they can give will help. They will get the participation information to us for give out.

Candidate's night- Denise It will be our next meeting on Wednesday October 5, 2017 the meet and greet will start at 6pm with the Q&A sessions beginning at 6:30. We have invited the candidates running for Ingham County Sherriff, Prosecutor, Drain Commissioner, County Commissioner Districts #2, 4, 5 and 10 and Lansing School Board. The candidates are starting to RSVP slowly. Judge Frank DeLuca will be our moderator. Please if you have questions that you would like us to submit, please let Denise know or bring them with you on that day.

Planning for holiday party December 7- We are finalizing the details at our November board meeting. Please mark your calendars now for this fun event. We will have lots of food and fellowship time to get to know your Eastside Neighbors better.

Spring Souper- date to be announced soon. We are still working with the school district and schedules for it.

Brian M motion to approve the minutes from June, Brian B seconded it. It passed.

Brian B motioned to close the meeting. Kelly G seconded it. It passed.

Meeting closed at 8:06 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Denise Kelley
ENO Secretary