

Minutes

Astor Neighborhood Association, Inc. – Mon., September 15, 2008 – 6:00 PM
Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center 526 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay, WI

1) ROLL CALL

Present: A. Higgins, President, J. Schwenk, Vice President; P. Schleis, Secretary/Treasurer; M. VanHandel, J. Sharp, J. Danen
Absent, excused: C. Kime, B. Weycker, J. Frank, P. Ebel, J. Weycker
Absent, unexcused: R. Chronert

Paul Ebel is moving, and is resigning. Paul, we'll miss you!

M/S/C to accept Paul Ebel's resignation

2) INVITED GUESTS

Tony Theisen, Alderperson
Officer Brian Schilt: absent
CSI's: absent
Regan and Martha Gurung, concerning medical workers smoking in our neighborhood.
Captain William Galvin, CP dept.

3) APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2008 MINUTES

4) TREASURER'S REPORT/BILLS

M/S/C to approved the August 2008 minutes, and the September 2008 Treasurer's report.

5) ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fall Newsletter: no report
Sept. 02 Potluck Picnic Wrap-Up: no report
Oct. 25 River Trail Clean-Up: no report
Oct. 30 Pumpkin Carving & Decorating Contest: flyer? Yes, and Mike and Joanne will handle.

6) OLD BUSINESS

St. James Park City Band Concerts Recycling Issue: report in October.
Clock Issue: no report

7) NEW BUSINESS

a. Hospital Employee Smoking Issue: Gurungs noticed a number of hospital employees smoking, and leaving butts, at our dead end streets. There are not only health, but poor modeling concerns. Gurungs were asking if the ANA had done anything previously. This issue had come up at our last annual meeting. The hospitals are getting the smoking employees and visitors off their campuses, but unfortunately, into our neighborhood. Tony Theisen mentioned that there are signs, with fines, but the police are not giving out fines yet. There is concern about second hand smoke. Tony has been working

with both St. Vincent and Bellin officials, and working with a neighbor to collect butts from Porlier and VanBuren. The hospitals are putting some information in their newsletters. An ANA letter to the Board of Directors of each hospital might be useful. We should have as much supporting data (collections, pictures, counts, interviews, etc.) as possible, and have it coordinated. We would also like to attend the hospital Boards meetings, to address the issue. Gurungs will work to gather the data, names of concerned individuals, and will put together a potential letter to send, from our ANA Board, to the hospital Boards.

b. Community Police (CP) changes: We have received emails from Community Officer Schilt, and then differing interpretations from Captain Galvin. Captain Galvin would like to have a group of community police to send, at his discretion, to “hot” issues. We’re concerned that the CP openings seem to be the last ones to be filled.

Captain Galvin explained that CP is made up of 18 officers, one captain, and one lieutenant. Captain Galvin said that the CP program is to solve specific neighborhood issues, not individual issues. The current model has either one or two community police per neighborhood. Impact Teams, two people at a time, go out for six weeks during summer. Now, the Impact Teams are locked into a 2:15-10:45 PM time, unless the Impact Team members volunteer to change hours. Some of the CP officers disagree with some procedures, and leave the department. We’re now at 13 officers.

ANA Board members appreciated the information, and also expressed the concern that our relatively-quiet area not be ignored. Captain Galvin mentioned that he instructed his CP officers to meet with community groups at least one-two times a year, for informational purposes.

c. ANA Board Member Binders & Document Access: Andrew distributed materials from the original binders. We’ll discuss this again in October.

d. Mason/Monroe St. lights: Tony mentioned that he had seen times with Monroe getting a red light, even though nobody was coming off the Mason St. ramps. A city’s electrician came, and came again, things are supposedly fixed.

8) OPEN FORUM

9) ADJOURN, 7:30 PM

Our next ANA Board Meeting will be Monday, October 20, 2008, 6:00 PM, at HNFRC, 526 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay, WI.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Paul Schleis, secretary