

NEPNA Monthly Meeting

5/9/2019

Attendees: Mark Tempel, Amanda Tempel, Christie Nelson, Rashid Ali, Jerry Caron, Brian Steele, Tracy LeCaotaine, Heidi Miller

NE Park Rec Center Presentation (Heidi Miller):

Heidi reported that everything is going well and activities are full.

- The summer programs are filling up quickly.
- Preschool is full.
- Started open gym for adults
- Erin has a cooking class on June 17th called Mean Green
- Zumba is every week
- Yoga is every other Tuesday
- Swim lessons with Lupient are open for sign up
- There are no updates on the park or playground
- If you have any suggestions about programming, please let Heidi know

National Night Out:

- Sign-up sheet for the NNO committee was passed around
- Heidi agreed to partner for the event

Open Streets:

- Nicolle suggested we also do Open Streets and a sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers

2nd Precinct Police Presentation (Christie Nelson and Rashid Ali):

- NE Park is a quiet neighborhood as far as crime. They had to go back three months to find any major crimes in the neighborhood
- Shoplifting in the Quarry is the main criminal activity
- There are tips for keeping the neighborhood safe in the handouts included.
- Always call suspicious activity b/c it helps the police know where to focus their energy
- Free home security reviews from Rashid if you would like someone to walk through your home and determine how to make it more secure
- 2nd precinct open house is May 13th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. There will be catering from Holy Land as well as burgers and hotdogs.
- The Minneapolis Police Dept. is working on a crime alert prevention program where they put up signs where areas of more criminals activity is occurring and they can put a sign up to let folks know the police is monitoring that area.
- They are working on providing their materials in more languages
 - Mandy offered to connect them with language services

- There was an uptick of crime last summer. Rashid encouraged neighbors to report their concerns and work to eliminate easy targets such as not leaving your windows or garage open and don't run car with keys in it

Charitable Organization Report to MN Attorney General:

- Report was approved with a 5-0 vote. Mark requested the motion and Jerry seconded it

Ideas for future meetings:

1. Renters rights clinic-September
2. Resources for home owners clinic
3. Park board and Tree Trust; rain gardens
4. Community gardens folks from the City to talk about blvds.
5. Post office
6. City staff from zoning and planning committee to talk about developments and traffic
7. Conversation with City about density, traffic study, 3rd Ave. bridge construction, Central bridge and construction from 18th to Lowry, also bus stops, lighting and patrol plans

Broadway Task Force (Tracy):

- Tracy provided an update from the task force. They are hosting an open house with reps from the City and County to talk about improving Broadway St. on May 14 at Able Seed House
- The City is repaving Broadway from Stinson to the river this fall; no decision on redoing curbs during the pavement process
- They are evaluating parking on Broadway as well as side streets to determine if there are issues
- The complete redo of Broadway will take 7 to 10 years and will need to receive funding from the federal government
- Conversation about converting Broadway into a 3 Ln conversion
- Tracy will address neighbor concerns about the railroad bridge on Buchanan to see if there are options to talk to the railroad