

SouthWest Common Council Minutes – 2/15/18

Meetings are held every 3rd Thursday, 6-7:30 p.m. @ Phillis Wheatley Library

The SWCC represents neighborhood leaders, community residents and stakeholders who meet to contribute to the vision and planning for the SouthWest Quadrant. SW Common Council - the place to come for grassroots community input - THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN!

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, March 15, 6 P.M.

In Attendance: Pam Bollar (Aeonon Church & 19th Ward), John Boutet (LocationSW & SW Education), Eleanor Coleman (ProsperRochester/OACES), John Curran (Rapids Cemetery), Viola Curry (SWAN/MNC), James Demps (NSC), Elizabeth Doucette (Cottage Street Block Club), Sheila Katerle (Flint St. Recreation), Jennifer Lenio (SouthWest Libraries), Chris McDonald (SouthWest Rotary), Dawn Noto (Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood Assn), Lynnette Robinson (COTS, SWCC Co-Chair), Donna Sarnacki (19th Ward Community Assn)

Introductions

James H. Demps – NSC Administrator

- Learning about the various components that make up the SouthWest, getting to know folks, assessing issues
- Focused on the Gateway Corridors and making sure they are inviting
- Looking at excessive signage; only 25% of window can be covered
- Will do a walkabout to determine what is in code compliance and what is not
- Started at the old NET office and lives in the 19th Ward for over 20 years; have always taken ownership of his area; see Genesee St. progressing
- Will be encouraging businesses to be involved in Clean Sweep
- Monitoring drug activity on Chili
- People need to know there are Litter Laws – signage should be posted by drug dealer locations
- Concern about overflow of litter baskets on streets; want the trucks out more often to unload baskets; may remove some baskets where they are being used for household garbage
- Monitoring sidewalk parking
- Looking at properties that should be on the demo list (Thurston/Chili, Jefferson)
- Close relationship with CPO's (Crime Prevention Officer)
- Appliance store cannot have appliances in front of store; monitoring the one on Genesee St.

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Potholes on Brooks have been called in; call 428-5990 (City Customer Service) to report potholes

Street Managers – offer information on the area businesses; good resource for reporting back to City on outcomes.

Annual Report Presentation – A PowerPoint presentation was made available by John Boutet of the past year's accomplishments and highlights.

Election Eligibility – a document was made available listing all members eligible to run for the Co-Chair positions based on the By-laws. Copies of the By-laws were made available as well as a comprehensive attendance sheet noting all who have attended in 2017. We have seven eligible candidates.

Election: Time to elect new Co-Chairs.

MOTION: Eleanor made a motion to re-elect John Boutet and Lynnette Robinson as SWCC Co-Chairs; seconded by Donna .

YES-8 NO-0 ABSTAIN-0

By-Laws Amendment: A brief was provided suggesting an amendment to the By-Laws that would count the attendance at three (3) Sub-Committee meetings toward the required six (6) meetings needed to be a Member in Good Standing and, thereby, eligible to vote.

MOTION: Eleanor made a motion to add Amendment 4.D.1 which maintains that three (3) of the meetings that qualify in the six (6)-meeting total for voter eligibility will include attendance at SWCC-initiated Sub-Committees although at least three (3) of the six (6) meetings must be at the Thursday monthly SWCC meetings; seconded by Lynnette.

Discussion: What are the beginning and ending dates of the calendar year.

Decision: General voting will be on a rolling attendance basis which would enable members to vote in less than a year's time (having attended 6 meetings). Voting for Co-Chair positions when it comes time will require that a person has attended 6 meetings in that calendar year.

YES-7 NO-0 ABSTAIN-0

Restaurant/Covenant Sub-Committee:

- City will not pay for community mailing to gather community input
- Next meeting will be at a date in March TBA
- Lynnette Robinson is the contact person for this Sub-Committee

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SWAN/Montgomery Neighborhood Center – Viola Curry

Programming for Senior Citizens; SouthWest Nutrition Center is now housed at MNC. Viola Curry works for the Monroe County Office for the Aging. Lifetime Assistance Program began 1/22; young people who are differently abled work at MNC now. Young people are being trained to go out in the community and get jobs. Seniors are being served with real dishes and cutlery. Program offers knitting, a choir, games, etc.

A Spring Fling will be held soon at the DoubleTree where seniors can get dressed up.

Delores Jackson Radney arranged for seniors to go to the Memorial Art Gallery

Ms. Curry brought a newsletter with highlighting all the activities. Need volunteers to support the program.

Contact Information

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Respectfully Submitted,

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