

Woodburn Association of Neighbors
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 9, 2012
Crosley's

Attendees: Susan Eason (presiding), Delores Perry, Paul Atkins, Wendy Cerne, Bill Byrne, Jenny Wilson, Rhoe Helm, Alice Helm, Terrence Moore, Ron Justice, Bob Merow, Julie Lattanzi, Mark Wise, Jenny Selin, Mark Furfari, Wesley Nugent, Marti Shamberger, and Tamara Riegel (recording).

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm. Each person present was asked to introduce themselves and state where they lived.

Morgantown Police Officer Balderson spoke about the Neighborhood Watch program. Individual watch groups are no longer used. The police work through the neighborhood associations. He had handouts and suggestions about home and neighborhood security. There was discussion.

Woodburn Reuse Study Group: Ron Justice distributed the results of the survey and spoke about them. The goal of the survey was to provide the city council with information on which to base their decision about the property. Ron thanked Ron Delany and Wes Nugent for their work on the survey. City Manager Terrence Moore then spoke about the city's work with the Board of Education on the issue. The city has ordered a due diligence assessment of the costs associated with the purchase and upkeep of the lot and buildings, which will be reported to the council by May 29th. Council will then meet with the BOE in June. The board may sell the property in separate parcels. Private partnerships are also being considered. There was discussion. The Woodburn Reuse Group will meet again at the city Safety Building on June 4 at 6:00 p.m. President Eason was asked to send thanks to Mr. Moore, the city council members, and representatives of other neighborhood groups who attended our meeting.

Inclusive City Commission Proposal: City Council member Don Spencer distributed handouts and spoke about the proposal which is before the city council. Those in favor of the commission wish to take a proactive approach to encouraging diversity and believe that managing diversity well is vital to a community's long term stability and growth. The commission would have 7 members and act in an advisory capacity to the council. There was discussion. The president asked for a vote in favor of WAN expressing formal support of the proposal, which passed with one nay vote.

Woodburn Clean-up Day was set for April 28th at 10 am. Help is needed to organize the event.

Report from City Council from council member Marti Shamberger:

1. There are concerns about trash in the area, especially in the 800 block of Charles Ave. Neighbors are encouraged to call and report trash. Though the Board of Education is not required to follow code, we can report concerns on school property to the BOE, such as the graffiti-covered dumpster.
2. Neighbors are encouraged to report suspicious persons and activities to police.
3. The city is working to improve lighting by the Dairy Mart and crosswalk.

4. Trash in the area of Gem St and Forest Ave is being addressed by code enforcement.
5. A possible monthly neighborhood clean-up was suggested by M. Shamberger.
6. A bird walk in Whitemoore Park was suggested.
7. Adam Henry has resigned from the Traffic Commission, so there is an opening for a member.
8. The city is negotiating a new contract with Allied Waste. They may begin to pick up more recyclables, and they may pick up the trash earlier. Neighbors are asked to speak at the council meetings about their feelings about earlier trash pickups.

Election: Wendy Cerne passed out information about candidate Donna Tennant.

WAN elections: since no one has volunteered to run for president, S. Eason is willing to continue as she is able.

Woodburn sign: it is in bad shape. Susan and Alice may work on it. Julie Lattanzi will coordinate flowers for this year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.