

NANA Meeting June 9, 2015

Hanne is out of town for work; absent. Michael Caporale, NANA VP, presided.

Call to Order 7:11 p.m.:

New member: Norma Fox – returning after 30 years - lives in the home she grew up in.
No minutes read from last meeting. To be covered in August general meeting.

Police and Fireman visit/update

Capt. Donald Roper 654 from Ladder 32 supports Seymour and Section for fire, Northside, Covedale, and Avondale.

290 EMS runs – due to heroin overdoses/users may not go to hospital on the increase for fears of going to prison/jail. Make sure person calls for help– they may not be charged for illegal activity. Truck does not carry Narcan – heroin help for overdoses.

70-80 fire runs per year to address fires

Inspections – always available on tel. 352-2332 – Lt. Don Roper's number

Shootings increased – pay attention to where you are and what you are doing.

Swimming/drownings - wear life preserver; don't "drink and boat"

Never leave children unattended, nor a child with your child – drowning can happen

Things kids are attracted to:

Hot tubs

Visiting others

Toys

If something happens:

Protocol – if child is missing, check the water first

Seconds count in death or disability

Notify a lifeguard; have someone call

Do not attempt to save a drowning person, unless trained to do so. They will pull you under

Riptides

Throw an object to a person in need. Move person to land/hard surface

Check for breathing, pulse for 10 sec. No pulse – begin CPR

Tilt head to the side; expel fluids from mouth to prevent drowning from vomit

Police Report – Maris Herold – District commander introducing new officers:

Charles Utley – field training officer

Jason Corner

Logan White – from Cleveland project management

Alex Geddes – Detroit Criminal justice

Officer Laurie

Crime in NA:

Overall crime stats look good. (2011-2015). Some areas of concern:

Aggravated assault (slight uptick); up nationally

Auto theft and theft from auto

Burglaries and robberies

Crime Density in NA

(2011-2015) – driven by one location – 3652 Reading Road – multifamily 100 separate units (mostly efficiencies that are poorly designed)

Ownership is out-of town (NJ)

Noise, stabbing, homicide, fighting/domestic violence, burglaries

Dramatic reductions – still high, which will affect overall picture – drains police and fire response

Mark Manning – chronic nuisance; lawsuit dismissed middle mgmt. team. New management team will be in place soon. How do we address city council? They are currently taking statements from the residents. Do not have right to go onto property anytime to enforce the law (right of entry program) suspended due to lawsuit. Comment: HUD police should be able to go in. 2525 Victory Parkway is also owned by the same company.

Ruth – this address is in part of overlap zone; needs new mgmt. and modernization, on-site management team to alleviate problems (comment from member)

Not a part of the Choice Grant. Avondale Community Council needs to get involved to help the situation. Gang members' shoot/kill due to drugs (30%); rest of crime is about "respect" issues.

Officers appreciate the support shown by North Avondale residents and are working fervently on solving the ongoing problems in the neighborhood.

NA Recreation Center Blake Brown – not as many participants this year

Possible reason: Rates increased; no pool here. No revenue-generated programs = loss of staff

- **Rock the Bike** – raised almost \$1000. Spin bike exercise competition.
- Partnering with a soccer group; from Britain. They come to look for housing
- Yoga classes during the evening on Thursdays, beginning June 13th. Hot Yoga on Sundays
- Closed computer lab (temporarily); children on web sites that they shouldn't visit.

Committees

Confirm voting rights of the committee chairs. Board can confer committee chairs to have voting rights at board meetings. People who regularly attend the meetings will know what is going on, they can add another "voice" to matters important to the organization. Helps keep people involved.

Motion: to approve/confirm the committee structure and chairs (Janet Banks)

2nd: Ruth Watts

NANA Committees – no one is heading the beautification committee. Please notify us if you have a name or an interest.

Membership – Michael Caporale and Carolyn Feldhaus will develop lists of who's here/gift package (local businesses). Provide info about NA to get more members. Also are looking for members to work on the committees.

Law & Safety – established to help neighbors feel safer and join quality of life
Schedule June 23rd meeting with Cpt. Herold. Reach out to Avondale to jointly address this issue. Pinpoint where the majority of the crime is occurring. Block watch program is going to be increased – need more captains.

Rental Housing/Landlords – Pauline

Committee is designed to provide information. Poverty and usually the same people cause the problems. The people who are causing issues are different than the people who are coming to NANA meetings.

We need to think about how we can assist them through education; mostly live in contested area. How can we do something that keeps the 3652 situation from growing to other areas?

John, Elsa and Pauline attend these meetings. They are looking for more people to join committee. Not dealing with the boundaries – interested in the lives of the people.

Contested zone – how best resolve the problem? The boundaries are stated differently.

Property code – Dana

½ of N.A. has property code violations. They sent people to look at homes from the sidewalk. 50-60 houses were sent “Good Neighbor” letters. Only 4 replied; no response from the others. Focus on vacant property; including contested zone. City has a list on their website. More properties are foreclosed now since the RE crash. Send vacant properties that you know to: dwinn6462@aol.com Want an updated list from the city; vacant properties bring down property values and increases drug activity.

Strategic Development – Maura (absent)

Doing wonderful work; has a finger on the pulse of what's going on in the city.

History – needs a chair (preserves history of NA)

Quality of Life – John

Issues that come up are those as Dana mentioned; tall grass, vacant/abandoned properties. Loud noises; mundane other gripes like street lights are off. Business operated on Mitchell Ave. – noise made late at night. Call him for issues – 281-2596 or jwiphoenix@gmail.com

We Thrive – supports healthy living (Theresa Harten)

Will get an update at the next meeting.

Uptown Forum – June 27th 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Do we want to be involved with this, or not? It could show support/unity.

Derrick Blassingame is the organizer; We will get more information before agreeing to participate.

Announcements

- Tour of the Choice grant sites with Community Builders. Meet at Gabriel's Place to tour of redevelopment area at 9:00 am.
- 7/4 Bike and Trike parade
- No July General meeting; next meeting in August
- Motion to adjourn
- Pauline has assisted the preschool of new teacher. Help/Bring/Donate with the materials needed for preschoolers
- Filmed a movie on Beechwood last week - could notice have been given earlier than the weekend before filming – inconvenience – could association get involved in the future? No clear structure between city and the production company, so you'll see confusion over jurisdiction. Lots of freelancers who don't report to anyone in particular.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tiffani N. Tribble, Recording Secretary