SWNA Monthly Meeting

August 25, 2015

7:10pm

* Pledge of Allegiance
* This meeting's agenda approved
* June minutes provided and missing minutes need to be added on website but hard copies available tonight; George Dean motioned; Ron Tracey seconded; approved
* August Treasurer's report: Marjorie provided the Treasurer's report;
  + Osage balance: $ 851.16;
  + SWNA balance: $ 1028.74;
  + Treasurers report; Lenn motioned; Ron Tracey seconded; approved
* Community Policing:
  + Officer Roets: filling in for Robinson (299 beat) and Johnson (28 & 29 beat)
    - 27 beat slight increase in nonresidential burglaries; car theft down; neighborhood complaints (cars broke down in streets, health code violations, etc) are up; addressing councilmember's list that was provided after driven a route with constituent, including impounds, etc.; gave out information for Deb Legge @ dlegge@wichita.gov
    - 28 beat stayed pretty much the same with only a slight uptick in abandoned cars,etc.
    - 299 beat was supposed to receive an email from Offc Robinson to update but didn't see anything
    - WPD is somewhat short-staffed right now and officers are being pulled off community policing to do other things, i.e., mounted patrol in old town, etc.
    - School's back in session, kids walking through yards, littering; increased presence; Incidents at Wendy's and QT with South High School kids on the first day of school
    - Should have a new police chief by mid-September; candidates meeting tonight with FOP
    - George Dean had questions about there not being a sidewalk down on Gold Street around Enterprise Elementary, forcing kids to walk in the street.
    - Ron Tracey asked about the officer that was drug by a car in west Wichita over the last weekend; officer has been treated and released
* Convoy of Hope update: gave away almost $1M in food, clothing, services, etc. Partnering with a group to use computer lab to administer ACT/SCT; also a group to offer GED tutoring; 1200 volunteers from all over the city and different groups.
* Neighborhood cleanups: Lenn
  + $303.00 was collected for the SWNA
  + Short-staffed but Josh was able to ask for help from outside neighborhood to get it covered
  + Greater results in areas where flyers were distributed, not so much in areas not covered with flyers
  + Sites that were staffed to help people unload received more in donations
  + Josh talked about how the packer trucks covered streets around Osage Rec Center; also, visited some senior citizens homes, even collecting trash from citizen's back yards; Lenn said that his training with the City specifically forbids entering a citizen's yard to pick up their trash
  + We'd have a better turn out if we did a better job of getting the word out
  + 10 skids = not all filled
  + Sign-in sheets at each location captured names and we should send out postcards to invite these individuals to the SWNA meetings
* Osage, KETCH meeting, & City of Wichita meeting this week: Just to revisit our contract and the requirements; will fill you in on the outcome of that meeting next month
* Osage Events Committee:
  + Josh introduced Amy, Secretary and Antonio, Chair (Express Basketball)
  + Always looking for volunteers, people to open the building, plan events, etc.
* Upcoming events:
  + National Night Out: September 15th; deadline to register with the City is September 10th; simple foods....hotdogs, chips, bottled water & exhibits;
  + Job Fair with the WorkForce Center at Osage on September 8th
* Marjorie asked about our sign at the street
  + Insurance will not pay for any property damage
  + The cost to repair the sign: $75.00 per fiberglass panel (x's 2), $50 - 90 plastic cover to protect the letters, needs leg welded (Robert w/ Gators can do that)
  + If we're going to fix the sign we need to check into insuring the sign as property & what would that do to our premiums?
  + Ron motioned that SWNA spend the money to fix the sign; Corey seconded the motion; George made a substitute motion that Josh look into the details on the costs of repairs & insurance; Joe seconded the substitution; substitution approved;
* Ron moved that we adjourned; approved