

Pleasant Ridge Community Council
Meeting Minutes – July 5, 2011

Open Comments by Residents & Business Owners

Concerned resident John McCoy spoke about the need to get PRCC and the community behind a vacant 2 family home located at 3305 Woodford Road. He stated that the area that the garage once stood is now becoming a dumping ground for trash and other waste. Trash pile is reported to be over 5 feet tall. Case has been reported to the city. Tracking number SR11035149.

Business owner, Gary Schlegel, owner of the Gas Light has brought to the attention of council a petition regarding the traffic and parking situations at TCP World Academy. He states that he has heard over 100 complaints from people inside his business. Adam Pratt reported that PRDC has begun talks with TCP / Mrs. French regarding selling the Orion lot to TCP. Beau McGrath reported the option to have the city investigate drop offs & pick ups to determine if it was a safety issue. If it is they will be required to hire an officer for pick up & drop off times. Officer Engelman reported on police involvement with the issue.

Police Department Report

Officer Engelman reported that there were no major incidents over the 4th of July holiday. He reported on the Gloss Ave's group Citizens on Patrol / Neighborhood Watch for their work on reporting the drug problem and commended them for keeping the residents on their street so well informed. Officer Engelman reported seeing garage doors open on Pandora Ave and reminded everyone to keep their doors locked. He also reported on the most recent block watch meeting. Carl Evert reported on C.O.P.S. restructuring patrols. There is still a need for volunteers. National Night Out is 8/2 from 6-9p at Owl's Nest Park on Madison Rd in O'Bryonville.

Fire Department Report

No representatives reporting

PR Recreation Center Report

Christian Armstrong Owens reported that both day camp and drop inn center have been very successful. After school camp registration is now open. She also mentioned program reminders for Water Aerobics and the Kroger Family Pool Day. Beau McGrath reported that he received an email regarding teens loitering at the rec center and intimidating younger children. Christian confirmed that it has been an ongoing problem, causing fights. Beau reported that Officer Engelman is trying to get more patrols through the park and rec center. Carl Evert also stated they will route some C.O.P.S. patrols through the park.

Approval of May Minutes

The minutes from the May meeting were approved by general consent.

Ridge Day Update

Eric Smith reported on Ridge Day events including the Parade, Ridge Day & Ridge Night. Events will be on 9/24 at 11a Parade; 12-4 Ridge Day; Ridge Night Details TBD.

Parks & Recreation Report

Jennifer Harton from the Parks board reported on the changes at Triangle Park. Changes include removal of overgrown and dying plant material. Plans include opening up the park and adding new plant material. She reported on the missing PR history plaque and stated it was removed because it was damaged. The damaged plaque will be returned to Pleasant Ridge and stored at Carl Evert's house. Carl also brought an artists rendering of the park and Jennifer agreed to show the design to the urban planning committee. On behalf of the Urban Forestry Department, Jennifer reported on a stump removal on Douglas Terrace and an Oak tree removal on Briarcliffe. The Oak tree will be used to harvest lumber.

Safety Committee

Don Trummel not in attendance

Schools / Churches

David Knutson not in attendance. Beau reported on behalf of David regarding Pleasant Ridge Montessori and the LSDMC.

Library

Mary Anne Phalen reported that the library is slightly behind on construction due to the rainy weather in May. The dedication is slated for March. The Library has also scheduled a monthly update with the community. The first will take place on July 11th at 1pm. The Library also received a new Education Learning Center that includes stand alone computers that are child friendly for kids 2-12 years old.

Communication Update

Chuck Tabri reported that he is exploring ways to make the monthly meetings more efficient and possibly get them out in the community at various locations. He is also trying to streamline PRCC communications into one central effort.

Zoning

Bonnie Dixon not in attendance. A resident stated that the Lester Road resurface project will be completed by Aug and the railroad crossing at Lester and Delmar will be repaired. He reported that several apartment buildings on Lester Road were sold at Sheriffs sale and are now owned by Citibank LA.

Hilton Davis

Marjorie Evert reported that Kodak submitted plans for EPA compliance and clean up. Marjorie has been in discussion with Brian Gitzinger regarding concerns over cleanup. Brian issued a 16 page notice of deficiency to Kodak for inadequate plans. Included in the notice of deficiency is a requirement to do additional testing on covers and toxic vapors. Marjorie's comments were also submitted to Kodak with OEPAs notice of deficiency. Kodak has 45 days to respond to the notice. In absence of present counsel, all documents and correspondence regarding Hilton Davis are going to the Library and Marjorie Evert.

Beautification

Jason Chambliss was not in attendance. Deb Chambliss reported on Jason's behalf. Flowers have been planted in pots, plots and parks. HJ Benken donated a large amount of plants as a result of Pleasant Ridge's participation in the Great American Cleanup.

Fundraising

Brian Dapp reported that he is still in the process of developing plans & goals regarding fundraising. He is working with council to create Pleasant Ridge stickers for cars & working on Ridge Day / Night initiatives. Any fundraising ideas/suggestions should be directed to Brian.

Business Committee

Wendell Robinson asked that any suggestions and ideas be directed to him. Jason Chamlee is stepping down as Business Committee head as he is taking over PRDC.

District A

Maria Kreppel reported on the Mural and artist Jarrett Jamison, 2 teachers & 2 apprentices were introduced. Jarrett discussed his design and thought process behind it. Mural dedication is planned for 7/23. Maria also mentioned the upcoming dates to remember.

Respectfully Submitted by Deborah Chambliss