

Minutes

Watrous Heights Neighborhood Association Members Meeting, Monday November 12th

Brad Greer WHNA Secretary – Meeting Minute Summary from 10/8/2018:

- Presented details from 10/8/2018 member meeting
- Advised meeting minutes can be found on the WHNA web site as of 9/2018
 - Helps WHNA board keep track of active initiatives, member requests and issues
 - Helps current and new members keep track of previous discussions to better prepare for upcoming meetings

Featured Guest – SuAnn Donovan - Neighborhood Inspection Zoning Administrator:

- Covers:
 - Code enforcement
 - Zoning enforcement
 - Mosquitos
- 4 blight houses located in our area
 - Discussed 4110 blight house. Funds were not able to be used due to property not being in low mod income area. Found other funding and is pending removal (currently working to get flood properties removed)
- Public nuisance process
 - Once determined its uninhabitable (roof, floor caving, etc.) notice is issued to anyone who has/had legal interest and serve 30-day notice to comply
 - If no response legal action is initiated. Action is filed and served, then wait for courts to issue decree.
 - The City doesn't take the title, only grants authority to remove structure
 - On a rare occasion they can take it (example delinquent taxes)
 - Once a court order is issued, sits on a list until funds are available
- Three new programs to assist on blight homes (Blitz on blight)
 - New Zoning Code
 - Get structures to character as built in the neighborhood (same style house being built)
 - Raise bar on materials used (higher quality)
 - Property improvement code
 - Address issues with properties (roof, paint, etc.)
 - They will work with owners to find material, work, or financial stability to make improvements
 - If not met than it will be treated like a rental and gov. will step in and obtain court order
 - 3-tiered rental certificate program to help enforce
 - Long tier = good standing
 - Middle tier = shorter certificate
 - Low tier = very short certificate
 - Neighborhood revitalization Program
 - Work to get houses cleaned up, fixed up and blight removed to increase tax base
 - Zoning enforcement (remove debris, structures, Illegal businesses, etc.)
- Complaints should be sent: Email: NID@dmgov.org Phone: (515) 283-4046

Holiday Lighting Contest

- Buck (VP) and Brad (secretary) fielded questions about the lighting contest
- Board members will Judge (dates outlined on mailer)
- Board members are not eligible for the contest
- 2 entries submitted to Brad Greer who will communicate them to David Johnston

Joel Van Roekel - Parks and Recreation Liaison Officer:

- No Report

Josh Raleigh- Inspector:

- No report

Sergeant Lance Ripperger- Crime Report:

- No report