

Minutes

Watrous Heights Neighborhood Association Members Meeting, Monday March 11th 2019

Sarge Lance Ripperger:

- Crime
 - 1 burglary
 - 1 robbery
- Last year
 - 1 theft
 - 1 burglary
- City wide
 - Trending down

Joshua Raleigh:

- Yard signs
 - Signs can't be on the parking or need to be behind power poles if no sidewalk
 - Josh advised other signs are ok under above circumstances
 - Question asked if other yard signs are ok in yards
 - Josh said that you are allowed to put signs in yards but removal is driven off of complaints
- Sales Tax and effect to blight home
 - Started review of structures for additional properties that can now come down
 - They can start on tear down and pay it back when the funds come in
 - In 4 to 6 weeks houses will get taken out
 - Rate structures by condition, boards, crime, community complaints, and locations
- 702 Leach
 - Garage door was kicked in a few weeks back
 - Vehicles have been parked and they are aware and watching
 - Asked if we can get a priority list for houses and what we can do
 - Josh will get a list for us

Joel Van Roekel:

- MacRae Park
 - A bit behind but last follow-up progress is looking good.
- Weeks Middle School proposed park
 - Ben Joel's boss provided update to Joel to report
 - Main point no funding for the project. This is a plan for future budget cycles
 - Park targeted within 1 to 5 years
 - City council priorities set the direction
 - Where did the decision to choose Weeks come from and can the plan be changed?
 - This is an agreement city council goes into with the school systems.
 - Target middle schools as outside traffic and older age group lowers the risk of issues with strangers and child predators.
 - Plan approved December 2018 South Union and Weeks fall within gap, resources allow for 1 site at a time.
 - Size of the land At Weeks is bigger than South Union
 - Goal will be to make the park available for everyone within a 10-minute walk over the next 20 years.
 - Anything else we can do to help with green space in this
 - Ben advised this won't be easy to sway the decision.
 - Pocket park also pitched.
 - Joel was advised no funding, and not planned.
 - Can try to fight for funding and projects
 - Are any funds from Friends of SW 9th tax district and or is there something similar to help raise the money?
 - Were advised that we can't get that for residential.
 - Joel will ask and report back.