

ODWNA Association Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Place: Winchell Elementary Library

Board Members:

Present: Peter Kushner, President; Christopher Bovid, Secretary; Diana Morton-Thompson; Paul Scott

In Attendance: Approximately 45 people (includes Board members)



- I. **Call to Order:** Peter Kushner, 7:02 pm
 - Neighborhood Plan status update
 - Neighborhood Garage Sale (last Saturday in April)
 - Recycle Coach smartphone app
 - Natural Features Protection Overlay ordinance status update, Public Meeting 3/21 at Kalamazoo Public Library
 - Consumers Energy 46kv powerline replacement project
 - Introduction of Tonight's Speakers
- II. **Treasurer's Report**
 - No report
- III. **Secretary's Report**
 - No report
- IV. **Neighborhood Business (Old and New):**
 - None
- V. **Additional Public Comments:**
 - None

Notes from our Speakers:

- **Guest Speakers:**
 - Orin Dorr, City of Kalamazoo - Public Works Division Manager
 - Eric Arnsman, City of Kalamazoo – Traffic Engineer
 - Chief Karianne Thomas, Public Safety - City of Kalamazoo
 - Sgt. Keaton Nielsen, KDPS
 - Sgt. David Juday, KDPS

Orin Door: 1) City street repaving projects being done this year:

- Broadway from Lorraine to Winchell
- Hillshire
- Indiana (from Cherry to Howard)
- Ridgeview (Apple Lane to north end)

Eric Arnsman:

1) Oakland Road getting non-copper water service line removals from Howard to Parkview pursuant to new law. Will be approximately 4-6 lanes beginning in July. Northbound Oakland will be only open lane. Howard to Benjamin first (so local traffic South of there can get through). Also a portion next to the shopping plaza. But the 2nd stage will have no southbound traffic later. Written notices will be issued. Prein & Newhof was the consultant. It will indicate what is going to happen. Includes contractors going into the house to remove and replace the line from the meter to the street. There will also be a MDEQ flyer with more instructions.

2) Water Main replacement scheduled for next year because partial service removals is not permitted under new law.

3) Jurisdictional transfer of MDOT trunkline roads, including Stadium Drive. Some work this year (mill & re-surface west of Howard) but no repaving or expansion this year. That project was pulled from the state because now the intersection belongs to the City.

Chief Thomas / Mr. Miller:

1) Incident with claim of police misconduct during traffic stop.

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Chief Thomas (only):

- 2) KDPS is largest public safety department in the country with combined police and fire
- 3) Avg 107,000 calls for service per year, all responded to.
- 4) 241 public safety officers currently in system. Just got funding for 12 more. 9 years ago numbers were down substantially.
- 5) Seeking police "accreditation."
- 6) Also will seek "fire accreditation" after that.
- 7) Working on Officer Wellness initiatives for physical, mental, spiritual, and financial health of officers.
- 8) Forming crime team for spree like mail theft and larcenies in neighborhoods
- 9) Also like to form a traffic unit for neighborhood patrols
- 10) Delays and issues with calls to public safety call takers, transfer of info to dispatchers, transfer of information to officers
- 11) The dispatch center is not fully staffed and is looking for good, qualified people for those positions.
- 12) KDPS has a goal for opening a Kalamazoo Strategic Operations Center (KSOC) in 2020. Should help with taking social media data in real time from Facebook and YouTube and processing it.

Sgt. Nielsen:

- 1) Crime statistics for Winchell Neighborhood: Good reduction in crime over last two months. Particularly good in last two weeks. Since January the Winchell Neighborhood has been a priority because of larcenies, etc., in December. Since then there has been a reduction in those statistics. For March 4-10 no burglaries in "Winchell proper" (1 in Lakesedge Drive which is in zip code). Past week: larceny of building over on Acorn. Other two just off of Stadium Drive (not really in neighborhood but in zip code).
- 2) Officers on foot patrol at 2 am on Winchell Ave or on Broadway.
- 3) If it doesn't feel right or seem right, it's probably not – just call KDPS. Rather investigate and find out it is nothing than not investigate but have crime happen.

Sgt. Juday:

- 1) Movie trailer/teaser about what KDPS is doing: non-conventional ways to prevent/fight crime
 - a. Ring doorbell and Ring Neighbor smartphone app. Way to communicate with police department and with neighbors. Modern-day neighborhood watch. Ring monitors everything posted. Said reviewed within 3 minutes (usually within 30 seconds). Relevant information not only goes to public safety but also to neighbors. You can set your own 'geo fence'. Currently Sgt Juday reviews all notices within 5 miles of Crosstown Pkwy KDPS center. Can send video right to police department through app. Posts are all anonymous unless you want to be identified. App is free to everyone. Currently about 800 in the City of Kalamazoo that have the Ring doorbell.

Stewards of Kleinstuck – Heather Ratliff (Treasurer) / Erin Fuller (President) / Paul MacNellis (Board Member)

- 1) The Stewards of Kleinstuck formed as voluntary organization 12 years ago as small, nonprofit organization
 - a. Mission
 - b. Events
 - c. Known for its wild flowers, abundant wildlife
 - d. Preserve was donated to the Michigan State Board of Education by Mrs. Kleinstuck
 - e. Transferred to WMU in 1957
 - f. Tasks: hold monthly volunteer workdays in preserve, host educational and entertaining walks, work with school groups/scout groups/other organizations
 - g. Guided bird walks with Stewards, Kalamazoo Audubon Society, and/or Kalamazoo Nature Center
 - h. eBird app for species of birds counts – numbers have been dramatically increasing
 - i. Available Opportunities for community to get involved
 - i. Attend a volunteer work day
 - ii. Remove invasive plants on your own property
 - iii. Plant native plants
 - iv. Discourage the spread of non-native yard plants into the preserve
 - v. Don't dump yard waste into natural areas
 - vi. Visit and enjoy the preserve
 - j. Volunteer Days: Meet 2nd Sunday of each month at outdoor tennis courts at Maple Street YMCA
 - k. Group Garlic Mustard Pull April 7, 2019
 - l. Frog Walk in evening of Friday, April 26, 2019
 - m. Annual Celebration with snacks, walks, preserve celebratory activities – everything free
 - n. Website: www.stewardsofkleinstuck.org
 - o. Facebook: www.facebook.com/StewardsofKleinstuck
 - p. Instagram: www.instagram.com/stewards_of_kleinstuck

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- 2) Paul MacNellis: 48 acres but non-continuous about 80 acres
- 3) Have had an overall management plan for a long time.
- 4) Property organized into 3-4 acre management areas, each with own management plan (all on the website and on WMU Kleinstuck website)
- 5) Wet portion is about 17 acres.



VI. **Adjournment:** 8:54 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher Bovid, ODWNA Secretary