

MINUTES

CAPITOL VIEW-STIFFT STATION NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

MARCH 14, 2016

Nancy Sheehan called the meeting to order.

Warwick Sabin: Legislature will be in session next time we meet. Governor Hutchinson has called a special session 4/6/16 regarding reauthorization of Medicaid expansion. The entire budget depends on whether the expansion passes.

The fiscal session is set to begin 4/13. There is also a rumor the legislature may be called into an additional special session to deal with highway funding.

Kathy Webb: Consultant the city hired to deal with the I30 expansion is in town. Kathy will be meeting with him at 4:00 tomorrow (3/15). If we have comments about the I 30 expansion, send the comments to Tony Bozynski at tbozynski@littlerock.org.

A second matter on I 30 will be held at the Clinton School for Public Service on Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Writer from Atlantic Monthly will be there to discuss "How to Decimate a City". Make reservations by calling 683-5239. Really important to make reservations. Kathy is hoping the enough people reserve that they will need to move to a larger location, which would be a good sign.

Ron Croson from Little Rock Police Dept: Monthly crime statistics. Property crimes, "not a whole lot going on". 5 property crimes reported, 2 autos broken into, 2 residential burglaries and 1 residential breaking and entering. The armed robbery on 7th Street seems to be a singular event and a crime of opportunity. It is still an ongoing investigation and the do have forensic evidence.

Still no word on when we get our COPP Officer back

Mayor Stodola visited and commented on the COPP status – running short of officers. LR is getting a grant for DOJ to hire more officers. His State of the City speech is Thursday, March 17, 2016.

Update on Rose Creek Park Trail: Trail walk this coming Saturday, March 19th, beginning at 10:00 am. Meeting at Capitol and Thayer. Neighborhood cleanup will be in conjunction with the Trail walk.

Kathleen Countryman: several different homeless camps in the area that Code Enforcement is working on.

There is a zoning request pending for 4520 W. Markham where the closed One Bank is. Jimmy John's wants to go in there.

Minutes were approved for January 2016 and February 2016.

Organizing for 2016: Standing Committees: Property Standards: Tanya Hollifield and Melisa Clark. Tanya wants to start subcommittee to work on how to integrate the re-entry and transitional housing into the neighborhood.

Hospitality Committee: Anita Southard will head up. People need to sign up to bring food.

Public Relations Committee: Communications needs to be filled.

Kathleen Countryman announcements:

The State of the City will be at 12:00 noon at 6401 W 12th Street.

Little Rock has begun an open data initiative, data transparency. This is being sponsored by Bloomberg. The purpose is to improve understanding between citizens and local government.

There has been an uptick of raccoons infected with distemper. Make sure your pets are vaccinated. Distemper is 90% fatal.

Coalition of Greater LR Neighborhoods will meet at 10:00am Saturday, April 9th at Hinton Center. Imagine Central Arkansas will be discussing potential improvements to Roosevelt.

There is a fundraising event to raise money for NUSA. It will be a golf event. They need sponsors.

The analysis of impediments to fair housing report is in Kathleen's office if you are interested in reviewing it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sophie Mitchell, for Amy Pritchard