

## Council Minutes

6:37PM- Meeting called to order by President Lawrence Jones

6:68PM- Ms. Darlene led us into prayer.

6:39PM- A reminder from the President to pay dues and that each person has up to 2 minutes speaking time for questions and comments. We will not be discussing parking issues.

6:40PM (Officer Gibson, District 3)

- Overall crime is low. However 8 burglaries have occurred, 3 of them are “early closures.”

- The medication program will be in 3 locations this year, 2300 Ferguson Avenue, 477 Kennard and 1776 Seymour Avenue.

- A dead dog reported on Baltimore and Casper has not been seen. There has been dumping on Denham with cement slabs, public works will be by to take care of that.

- Several cars and tires were marked on Carll Street, those cars have 24 hours to move their vehicles and 36 hours for handicapped.

-6:45PM (Jim Boyle, CRC)

- Tax services are completed.

- Swish basketball is on Friday. There are currently 16 kids participating. This program helps with character development and takes place in College hill (6pm-8pm).

- Club CRC costs \$10/quarter.

- March 24<sup>th</sup> was the Pacers game that the kids attended.

- Pre-school voucher program will hopefully continue.

- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month the food pantry is open, but this month it will be open on Thursday instead.

- Job openings at Millvale CRC for front desk position (1-7pm), must be 18 or older.

- Rental space is available at the center for functions but no alcohol is allowed.

6:49PM (Jeff Pastor, City Council)

- Recently elected to city council in his sophomore year.

- He is the chairman of the neighborhood committee, vice chair of economic zoning committee, member of law and public safety. He campaigns to small communities that are often overlooked for resources. He grew up in the West End neighborhood and wants to help communities that have issues with potholes. His public service includes trash pick-up. There are currently only 4 people to work on the dispatch of the 591-6000 hotline because of budget cuts, so please be patient with responses.

- Contact Antonio Williams (public Liaison).

- Mr. Pastor is also responsible for market rate housing and wants to create a forum to help people purchase their first home. The program will help put \$5000 towards your first home purchase.

- The current budget cycle is (\$1.4 Billion). A motion recently passed about the concerns for homelessness and drug addiction. Last year in particular was a big issue with homelessness on 3<sup>rd</sup> street, many of whom have mental illness. 77% of operation budget comes from 2.1% of the tax budget.

- Keep in mind that the “loudest” people typically get the most money and it doesn’t matter your economic background.
- His policy to address and resolve concerns within 14 business days, given the small amount of staff available to help.

7:01PM (President Jones)

- LEAP Academy survey is available for feedback in choosing the next incoming principal. LEAP Academy like many schools are failing and this can help give better input in the new direction of the school and needs of the community. Anyone can be involved in the LSDMC, in fact more parent input is needed. Please take 5 minutes to fill out the survey.
- NSP review meeting: Funding was approved/
- We are working on a draft agreement with St. Leo’s for the resource center.
- Litter patrol sign-ups (Tues 4/16 @6PM), kick off for bi-monthly clean-ups (May 11<sup>th</sup>), 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month at 9 AM.
- Proposal that some of the women from the Talbert house can assist the youth clean-up around the neighborhood.
- Strongly encourages everyone to email Jeff Pastor about Denham Street for potholes and trash pick-up in the park.
- Resource Center: We’ve been looking at available times for the usage of the space in the afternoon and evening. These times may change during summer hours. People can write down their availability to volunteer at the resource center.

Community Commentary and Questions:

- Ms. Yates: Are youth welcome in the resource center? (Yes youth are welcome).
- Mr. Fred: What are we volunteering for with the resource center? (Chaperoning).
- Ms. Pam: What are the hours and dates the resource center will be open? (Afternoons until 9pm).
- Ms. Renu: states she is willing to teach the kids yoga.
- (Pres): Pocket gardens are available to be done within the neighborhood but volunteers must sustain it.
- Ms. Jackson: Where will the land come from? (You have to own the land).
- (Pres): A tax abatement does not mean higher property taxes even if the property worth is high.

Treasury Report (Ms. Midge Jackson)

- as of 2/14 the account was \$2,528.96.
  - 2 more people have paid dues.
  - The overdraft fee left over from Ms. Pam purchasing flowers was taken care of. The new balance of now is \$2,392.92.
- (Pres. Jones): Meeting Adjourned!