



Burroughs Neighborhood Organization – February 10, 2020 – General Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Officers: Robert, Sarah, Buffy; Members: JM, JO, M&MN, LL, MW, BW, PF, CC, SA, HA, MV, AR, JP, CSO Scott, Councilmember Gadus, LE

I – 6:40pm – Call to Order - Robert

II – 6:41pm/as available – 10 Minutes – CSO if present

- Officer Scott joined us to give us monthly stats/crime report on our neighborhood.
 - Auto theft: Toronto
 - Fire investigation: Clair Commons Apts
 - assault, felonious: Prouty and Bronx
 - b&e, business: Airport
- Questions: not everything is reported in Alertizen (previously iCitizen) (like police pursuits), but if there is something called in, then it is usually reported into the app. The city and that company came up with how and what are reported through the app.
- Patrolling: Street Smart (new thing the department started) when they are dispatched they get an electronic log and track what is going on. Others who come on later can see the previous details from before.
- Resident concerned about blocking sidewalk with parked car/snow not being cleared: although it is not legal, they are not high on the list of calls they get simply because their man power is so low. Officer Scott encouraged to report those through 419-936-2020 or through the app, Engage Toledo. The residents have 24 hours after snow stops to get their sidewalks cleared.
- Toledo has 2.4 officers per 1,000 citizens, we have the lowest manpower of any city in Ohio.
- Tire shop that is blocking line of sight turning onto Airport from Caswell. A resident called it into Engage Toledo on the following days: Dec. 9th, Dec. 10th, and January 15th at the very least. There was a car accident but the tires are still standing at the business. The police officer that was at the crash scene said he would also submit a complaint through TPD. Officer Scott and Councilmember Gadus will follow up on the issue.

III – until 8:00pm – District 3 Toledo City Council-member Theresa Gadus

- Dirty Dozen Plan: each area (Arlington, Burroughs, East Toledo, etc) can have around 5 Properties where they will focus on cleaning up blight, tires, litter, etc.
 - UPDATE: Land Bank said to let them know about houses which have burned.
- Toledo Streets: are in terrible shape along with blight. Robert and Sarah rode around and picked out the worst in the neighborhood (commercial and residential). Shea and South Street has really bad flooding every precipitation.
- Section 8 Housing: are they holding up to the standards? Can their house be legally allowed to be at that level of neglect?
- Theresa will check into agencies/groups (code enforcement) to see what has been reported and what is currently being done with the reported properties and see if she can expedite any of the concerns
- A few houses in the neighborhood has had a notice from the Health Department stating that it's unsafe to be lived in, so the Health Department might be a good contact to get a hold of if it's one of the houses in question. A concern is that a few houses may have children inside and it would be unfit to have them living there.
- Someone keeps parking on the back part of the Triangle on the grass, a silver Dodge Ram.
- A resident has a concern about the population of deer because they are eating up all of her plants and grass. She has tried scarecrows and coyote urine to scare them away but it hasn't worked.
- A resident has concern about garbage that is not getting picked up (bulk pickups that are not called in). Republic has a contract with the city that if they see it they have to make a note and come by the next day to pick it up. This is not happening anywhere in our neighborhood and it is Republic violating their contract, which Council and the Mayor should check into.
- Toledo Issue 1 Tax: if it fails at its current proposed state, they will revise it to its current state so that we continue at the same tax rate. The new tax will be 'extra' money to what is already in the city fund for streets (if they don't move around the old money, with the new tax they will NOT be able to move around some funds with the new tax).
 - Complete list of what will be completed if the tax fails and if the tax passes can be found online (toledo.oh.gov/roads)
- Point system: point towards an established for a property for every call on it, if they exceeded the number of allowed points, then the business would be shut down. This system would make it hard for owners to call the police in fear their business would be shut down, even if it isn't their fault. Also could be racial discrimination. They are looking

at it to be amended so that it would be looked at case to case and it should be on the docket for council soon.

- UPDATE: The Ordinance has been repealed.
- Neighborhood parks: no tennis courts, no basketball hoops, no softball diamonds. There is money set aside specifically for parks. Resident wanted to know how to allocate the set amount of funds. Each and every park will be assessed and that is how they will be determined by council.
 - Concerns that we should know before passing a tax and getting more nothing.
- District Improvement Grant for Burroughs Park: last time we tried it through former Councilmember Ujvagi, he told us to get more money and then he might be able to help us.
 - Is this grant open again this year? – Yes, as long as there is money. Hasn't been replenished.
- LED lights will be replaced by 2021.
- There are safety grants available for just lighting that we can look up to see if we can qualify and submit.

IV – 8:05pm – Next Meetings:

- March 2 – 6:30pm – Toledo Heights Library (Lucas County Sheriff Candidates)
- March 16 – 7:00pm – Burroughs Elementary School (Election Preview so far)

V – Memorial Bricks

- We are accepting funds/names for the bricks project, please visit our website for more details/order form
- Looking into ways to bring the cost down.

VI – Other Business/Open Floor

- Janet has a green nonprofit targeted at children to be more cautious environmentally. For more info please email bno.group@yahoo.com and we will put you in touch, or visit the following website for more info: GoinGreenKids.Org

VII – Clean-up & Exit by 8:15