



MEDFORD NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 3, 2014 MEETING

Presented for Approval Wednesday, November 5, 2014

The committee was called to order at 7:06 pm with a quorum and the following 11 members present; Chairman Thomas Corbi, Vice Chairman James Geiger, Steven Conger, Wendy McBair (MIO), Bridget O'Hanlon, Heidi Krihak, Rev. Joseph Monahan (MIO), Beth Portocalis, Colleen Stover, Thomas Wright, and Ex-Officio Lauren Kochan. Absent were Denise Pizoli, William Stauts, and a Council Representative.

MINUTES

The minutes from the August 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Students in Government Day final plans were approved and the final date set. Chairman Tom Corbi invited all on the council to attend if possible. Coordination with Beth from Heidi and Bridget will address any final details of the event.

Senior Citizen liaison Colleen Stover reported that a brochure was being developed by a task force from that group and will seek assistance for the design, distribution, and production of that piece from the NSAC, MHAA and the Township (via the website). The final format will be reviewed by this council before production to insure accuracy and inclusion. BCIT, Medford BOE, or private industry is being considered for the actual printing of the brochure.

There was no determination from the SHS administration regarding involvement in the ***Clean Communities Initiative*** as reported by Bridget and Heidi. However, the SHS Student Council was reviewing a potential ***Senior Arts Program*** and hoped to have something in place early 2015. Colleen asked if the Seniors group may have input to help insure participation.

The ***Road Surface*** concerns, which were presented by several MHAA representatives in June, have not yet been addressed by the Township, as per Wendy McBair. Considerable discussion regarding the county role/response to this issue took place. The Headwater subdivision area has substantial needs and even provided photographs to the Administrator to forward to the Township Engineer's department for review. Other areas of concern were the disposing of injured and dead deer along the roadways, as this continues to be a problem with timeliness of response. Beth Portocalis reported that road maintenance used to be part of the township protocols and that the current Township Council is again considering implementing this program. She also said that road surfacing/resurfacing priorities are attached to ordinances authorizing the funds.

Colleen Stover also brought up the idea of ***Leaf Collection Assistance for Seniors***, which had been discussed in 2013 by this council. Although Tom Corbi offered to coordinate this program with SHS representative Bridget O'Hanlon, the NSAC concurred that this very good idea will involve dealing with the significant logistics of student safety, security, and the school's willingness for involvement in this community service venture.

Brush/Leaf Pickup and Clean Up schedules were presented by Township Liaison Beth Portocalis. The Brush pick up schedule for September and October, and the leaf collection beginning in November are all posted on the newly redesigned Township Website. The county has recently initiated a clean-up program along county roads. Stokes Road near the Point is one of the first projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Wright offered a concern that the new citizens did not really use or were aware of the website. There was considerable discussion about the Medford website with webmaster Lauren Kochan describing her role and work in this area. The committee agreed that it is critical to get the community used to going to the website. Lauren indicated that there will be training offered to groups and citizens about the website and that there are plans to begin this project in September.

Due to the fullness of the meeting, the Faith Based Initiative presentation was forwarded to our next NSAC meeting, which is scheduled for October 1, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James Geiger
Vice Chairman/Acting Secretary