

ICON - Regular Meeting - November 27, 2017
First Church of the Brethren
2109 Yale Boulevard, Springfield, IL

Carol Kneedler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Jamie Adair (BPNA), Kurt DeWeese (HWSNA), Rianne Hawkins, Michael Higgins (MBA), , Carol Kneedler (IPNA), Lynn McMenamin (Ward 7), Alderman McMenamin, (Ward 7), Kerri Noonan Lewis (LPNA), Jennifer Natariano (West Side Dems), Polly Poskin (Harvard Park), Alderman Andrew Proctor (Ward 5), Tom Raymond (Candidate for Sangamon County Treasurer), Chris Richmond (Fire Marshall), Darrel Riffey (HWSNA), Sharon Riffey (HWSNA), Elizabeth Strafford (Sierra Club), Tim Sheehan (West Side Dems), Ernie Slotag (CCNA), Marty Vandiver (Knox Knoles), Suzie Weissberg (LPNA), Terry Young (Trevi Gardens)

Darrell Riffey gave the Treasure's report. Balance is \$7,618.87. We have 47 members, 3 organizations, 2 businesses and 2 life members for a total of 54 members.

Sharon Riffey gave the City Council update. She said she and Darrel are helping Juan Huerta with the City's over flow shelter. She said they are collecting cleaning supplies and paper supplies for the Shelter. Donations are appreciated.

Sharon asked if we were all rounding up our CWLP bills. That is a way to help the homeless shelter. She said the people do the cleaning. She also said they have donations for meals and are in pretty good shape.

Sharon reported on the zoning request for the apartments at 1301 West Washington. They are requesting variances to allow a total of 72 units. They do not have enough parking and also are requesting parking variances. She is requesting ICON and any other association or person send letters to their Aldermen requesting that the petition be denied. This case will be heard by the City Council on December 19th.

Carol said there was no report from the problem property committee. They are taking a little break and will meet again on January 17th.

Carol reminded us that the ICON annual meeting will be held on December 13 at the Inn at 835. This is ICON's major Fundraiser and is particularly important because this is an election year.

There will be a buffet dinner and cash bar. Program will be provided by Vasudha Pinnamaraju, Executive Director at the McLean County Regional Planning Commission, on quantifying sprawl.

Agenda calls for social hour from 5 to 6. Speaker at 6:00 followed by dinner, the annual meeting which includes election of officers, and awards.

Good Neighbor awards will be presented to:

City of Springfield Public Works Housing Inspectors - Public Service Award
Habitat for Humanity - Organization Award

Joe McMenam, Alderman, Ward 7 - Individual Award
Linda Reneham, Springfield Vintage - Business Award

Carol said at their November meeting the Planning and Zoning Commission passed the Comprehensive Plan with no changes. The City Council will act on the Plan on Tuesday, December 19th.

Alderman McMenam explained issues regarding the Centennial Point Subdivision. He said the main complaint is access, especially Lenhart Road, are substandard. It is narrow and not striped. The subdivision will consist of 50 duplexes (100 residences). There was a great deal of discussion regarding subdivisions without adequate roadways. It was also noted that this subdivision is in the New Berlin School District, which is opposed to the subdivision.

Carol commented on the importance of public input.

Associations reported on their upcoming events.

Polly told of a woman who had problems with the underpass and said that the city met with her at her house and did the best that could be done to improve her situation.

Chris Richmond stated that EPA is done at Pillsbury. He said not all of the asbestos has been abated. He said decisions will now have to be made regarding the use of the property. He said there is zero chances that the buildings can be used.

Carol reviewed the following dates for us:

12/5 Centennial Pointe Subdivision at City Council
12/13 ICON Annual Meeting
12/19 City Council Zoning vote on Comprehensive Plan
City Council Zoning vote on variance requests for apartments at 1301 West Washington
1/17 Problem Properties Committee
1/29 ICON Meeting

Suzie Weissberg