

Wed, Oct 8, 2014

Salvation Army

Union Triangle Community meeting notes

Speakers: Marsh Rummel - Alder, Mia Broderson - neighbor, Jason Waller, neighbor

Four Police officers Dao Xiong - Union Triangle community officer, Lester Moore - WPNA officer, Lieutenant Trevor Knight and Officer Snoddy who patrols the strip mall.

Alfonson Flores - WPNA president

Recent UT neighborhood steps taken

Presented to SASY, met with WPNA

Started a SASY subcommittee - Union Triangle Committee

Spoken to local businesses, asked for lights on path at Reger Park, asked about improving Reger Park equipment.

Organized events - Starkweather Creek planting, Reger Park picnics

Police

Marquette shootings

2 detectives on the case, gang issue

witnesses and victims aren't always co-operative.

Worthington East shooting

Gang Issues, Individual shot through the arm, ongoing investigation, it's known who's involved but difficult to get co-operation

Two new police officer positions

Neighborhood Resource Officer and Mental Health Officer

They will go to the neighborhoods most in need on a rotation basis.

Issues in UT neighborhood are often caused by the spillover from Mobil gas station and the strip mall near the library

Plan is to install cameras at the strip mall

Police will have access to the cameras

This should be a deterrent, especially when it proves they catch people.

Unless an emergency, call non-emergency line or community line - fridge magnets handed out with police numbers.

Report incidents on your neighborhood Facebook page to inform people

Calls are beneficial and show a record of the incident.

Lester Moore says there's a signs of a shift with the Worthington Park neighborhood. They are starting to tell him things and he's seen an increase in participating in events.

What can we do to help?

Invite and encourage everyone to events
watch out for each other - events help with this

Parks

There's a drinking ban now in Wirth Park
If there's an issues call the park ranger
Neighbors state that vagrants are moved on but back within an hour
Marsha Rummel will organize a neighborhood meeting to discuss a permanent ban
Baggies and needles are found in both parks - be careful pick them up and throwing them away.

Traffic

Too much speeding on Oak Street. We've asked for speed bumps but told no. Seems strange as Waubesa have them.

No parking and speed signs haven't been replaced on Oak Street.
Police say they will start speed patrols on Milwaukee (you've been warned).

Josh, manager at Walgreens spoke

He's seen improvements in the last year but still too much panhandling and shoplifting
Problems are associated with the bus stops, pan handling around the shopping area.
There are many people in cars every day that don't shop.

Marsha Rummel

Mayor would like to buy the Salvation Army for the City as a neighborhood resource.
Pilot project - Participatory Budget, neighbors vote where money is placed
Union Corners - Improvement plan for the clinic has been passed and Fresh Thyme grocery store plan is in the works.
There are plans to construct a road that will connect Darbo Drive with Webb and eventually to Commercial. This could start as soon as 2015.

Neighborhood Watch

We could use the 9 house model
Police can help set this up
Good advise - if it just doesn't look right (JDLR), report it.

Heroin use in Madison

Big issue
Many programs in place
Many conversations start at arrest
One neighbor approached by an addict recently - scary. If approached, be careful and call the police