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Annie Glidden North Task Force
Neighborhood Safety and Security Subcommittee Meeting
April 13, 2018

The Annie Glidden North (AGN) Neighborhood Safety and Security Subcommittee held a meeting on April 13, 2018 at the City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

A. Roll Call

The following committee members were present: Will Heinisch, Christie Krupp, Michael Newman, and Mike Pittsley. Staff present include Management Analyst Raymond Munch and Diana Robinson, Center for Governmental Studies. AGN Task Force member Chad Glover was present as an observer.

B. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved following a motion by Heinisch and a second by Pittsley.

C. Approval of Minutes – April 4, 2018

Minutes from the April 4, 2018, meeting were approved as submitted following a motion by Heinisch and a second by Krupp.

D. Items for Discussion/Action

1. Approval of recommendations to the AGN Task Force

Committee members discussed the list of neighborhood safety and security recommendations identified at the April 4, 2018, subcommittee meeting. It was agreed that these recommendations should be reorganized in order of priority by the subcommittee members present. The prioritized list generated by the subcommittee follows.

1. Continue support for and publicity of the Safe Street and Safe Routes initiatives
2. Support the installation of community safety cameras and other security-enhancing technology
 - a. Institute a tax or another revenue-generating mechanism for purchasing and installing cameras
 - b. Set up a fund at the DeKalb County Community Foundation to accept donations to pay for cameras and other security improvements in the AGN area such as call boxes and kiosks
 - c. Encourage property owners with cameras to make live feeds available to the police
3. Assign one or more city or NIU staff the responsibility to implement the subcommittee recommendations on neighborhood safety and security, monitor neighborhoods, and serve as a liaison to neighborhood associations. Added responsibilities would include:
 - a. Continue the “broken windows” strategy of trimming trees, replacing light bulbs, and providing general upkeep and maintenance

- b. Encourage the formation of neighborhood watches and associations and help sustain them
- c. Explore with the DeKalb Chamber and Proudly DeKalb how informational “welcome” packets can be provided to all new DeKalb residents that include safety information as well as essential community resources and services
4. Communicate the many safety resources and initiatives that are underway or planned
 - a. Launch of a voluntary Crime Free Housing initiative in DeKalb
 - b. Promote the Police to Citizen Portal when it’s ready
 - c. Explore other apps designed to enhance personal safety, such as Guardian and Alert DeKalb
 - d. Recognize and reinforce the high levels of cooperation between the city and NIU police
 - e. Promote the problem-oriented patrolling strategy used by DeKalb police
 - f. DARA’s efforts to encourage ethical behavior by member property owners
5. Address problem structures in the neighborhood
 - a. Consider redeveloping the 912 Edgebrook building as part parking and part green space and consider using the first floor for office space and possible police satellite center
 - b. Encourage and support NIU in acquiring and demolishing or renovating problem structures adjacent to campus
 - c. Promote positive environmental design

Pittsley moved to accept the AGN safety and security recommendations as discussed at this meeting. Heinisch seconded. Motion approved.

E. Adjournment

Heinisch moved to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Krupp seconded. Motion approved.

Minutes by Diana Robinson, Center for Governmental Studies

Minutes approved by the AGN Task Force Meeting on: May 7, 2018