

Springfield Project ACTION
Community, Housing and Neighborhoods Committee Meeting
Wednesday April 19th - 11 a.m.
Minutes

Present: Stephanie Thompson, Tom Yennerell, Kristi Morris, Mike Martin, Lori Claffee, and Frank Nobile.

- Call Meeting to Order

- Agency/Member Updates
 - Tom updated that the Town now has a code enforcement officer and some tickets have already been written. There are a number of other properties which may be ticketed. There is already a small ripple effect from enforcement on other properties cleaning up. He advised that 188 Wall Street was torn down, and that the Town has purchased several properties on Main Street and anticipate having the old VNA building removed. The idea would be to turn the land into a park as it will open up the river view. He also noted that the Woolson Block received their first large chunk of funding if \$3-\$3.5 million for tax credits towards the project.
 - Lori advised that the Park/Union Neighborhood Association has become a 501c3 thanks to the work of Sharon Ayer.
 - Stephanie shared about the recent Governor's Workforce Summit focused on the individuals who we need to work with those with substance use disorder. A question was asked about where these jobs that need to be filled are? Funding to go with this? Stephanie shared that the recommendations from the workgroups are expected by October in time for budgetary considerations.
 - Mike asked about doing a competition for those who beautify their yard. He said similar things exist in Ireland and that it could be a way to bring tourists to areas of the State and that more importantly it could help spruce up the Town a bit. Lori said the Park/Union group would make sense to be involved. She will bring up at their next meeting and CHN will meet after to figure out next steps. Mike will contact with the Garden Club and Frank was going to talk to Turning Point.

- Set next committee meeting date and time
 - A Doodle Poll will be sent out once the Park/Union meeting is scheduled.
 - Stephanie will update and clean up the matrix and send out ahead of next meeting.

- Adjourn

Crime & Safety

Action Steps

Timeline

Outcomes/Evidence of Effectiveness

Objective (specific & realistic)

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Data Driven Policing:	Purchase software data entry training.	Jun-15	Purchase of software and installation complete
	Enable public access to information.	Aug-15	Public access to crimereports.com
	Dissemination of data to officers/sergents	Aug-15	Data provided to Sergeant's bi-weekly
	Directed patrols based on targeted areas.	Aug-15	Sergents are assigned sectors, provided data and are accountable for follow-up and actions taken.
Neighborhoods Associations:			
	Partner with neighborhood associations	Summer of 2015	Union St. neighborhood picnic in August.
	Support Neighborhood associations by attending meetings	Ongoing	As of April 2017, only Park/Union Association is active
Observation Cameras:			
	Purchase cameras and install on Main Street.	Aug-15	(3) cameras installed on Main St. seem to have affected the gathering of people at the downtown intersection area.
	Identify other target areas for camera locations.		Past discussions: plaza foot bridge, encourage businesses to install, plaza
	Procure funding opportunities for purchasing.		
Neighborhood Safety:			
	Targeted patrols in areas of reported activity.	Aug-15	Hot spot/Directed Patrols
	Support community/neighborhood watch- equipe efforts		
	Use of social media for crime activity awareness.	Ongoing	New 2017 - SPD blog Creation of a business list for notifications of incidents - communication between

	Selectboard Ordinances	Aug-15	Main St. smoking ban in place and has reduced violators in front of library.
	Selectboard Ordinances		Other policies for consideration - health/crime related
	PD - School collaboration	8/15/2015-ongoing	Lunch with a cop program by SPD.
SSCF - Community Liaison Committee:			
	Advertise and form committee and meet with SSCF officials.	Aug-15	The liaison committee met 3 times. First meeting was about 20 including the committee. Second meeting was about 10 people, including the committee. The third meeting was about 6 committee members only.
Community Education:			
	Support and encourage conversations with community landlords	Nov-16	community members and landlords in attendance. USAG office presented, as well as the Town on new
	Educate community about the law enforcement/corrections system		community members in attendance. Moderated by Pat Ankuda. Presentations/Discussion from SPD, SSCF and