

Abbott Loop Community Co

Minutes for Sept 28, 2006

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Charissie Millett.
Min. from April and August were not available for approval.
Treasurer Patti Higgins reported no change in our financial status.

Board & Committee reports:

Sue Rodman, Muni forester w Fire Dept. reported on the tree thinning project occurring in the area. Fire Dept is continuing to do brush clearing with contract workers. They are currently trying to clear a path 150 ft around the schools (Hanshaw, & Springhill). They are also working on Ruth Arcand Park. During the question and answer period. Ms. Rodman was asked about public access to firewood (as a result of the thinning project). She discussed the problem with public access to some of the area and indicated they had not worked out a satisfactory solution. She was also asked about the status of the fire break program the Dept had been involved in. She indicated the Dept was continuing to work with private home owners to id trees to be removed for fire safety.

Sgt. Cindi Stanton of APD provided an overview of 911 calls to the area covered by the Community Co. There have been 1033 calls for service in the last 30 days. She provided info on the Neighborhood watch program and indicated the program staff would be more then willing to give presentations in the community. (Just call 786-8585) Chair Millett will make contact for a future meeting presentation.

Shawna Popovici from Muni Parks & Rec indicated a visioning meeting re the SE Hillside Park master plan will be held Oct 5th 7 to 8:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Ms. Popovici requested any suspicious behavior in the parks be reported. If everyone is paying attention it will help reduce vandalism.

Roads committee member Dave Donley reported nothing new to report. Discussion ensued about the Lake Otis and Abbott projects. Patti Higgins moved that the Abbott Loop Community Co. support the 3d option that Dowl Eng. presented. Seconded by Patrick Higgins. After further discussion action was postponed pending a discussion with the ad hook group working on the issue. It was suggested that the group be contacted and asked to present their issues to the community co so we better understood the concerns. Chair Millett and P Higgins were going to see what they could do to follow up.

Assembly report presented by Dick Traini. Work on the Muni budget is underway. The operating budget will be about 402 million. Now is the time for the Community Co to bring forward any capital requests. Mr. Traini noted that APD is still 93 officers short. We have a new Chief of Police. Mr. Traini indicated he had given the new Chief 30 days to come up with plans for dealing with the gangs and retirement (i.e. recruitment). He indicated the city is thinking about getting out of PERS (public employees retirement system). Wal-Mart is still an issue in Muldoon. It is now before the Assembly. It has been denied by the Planning and Zoning and will need 8 votes from the assembly to override.

Rep. Kevin Myers presented the Leg. Report. He noted a couple of issues need to be discussed. First, based on his experience with the activity of the first 30 days of the sessions he is supportive of the 90 day session limit. Second, he does not support the gas reserve tax. He believes it will be litigated and it is not to the states advantage. It will not be an incentive and it will kill future exploration.

Elections:

The following Abbott Loop Community Co officers were elected for one year terms. Chair Al Tamagne; Vice Chair Charisse Millett; Secretary Lynda Zaugg; Treasurer Patti Higgins; Board members (9) Glen Biegel, Jim Garrigues, Judy Christianson, Dave Donley, Patrick Higgins, David Rush, Bob Burnett, Carl Siebe, Graham Siebe.

Meeting adjourned.

Lynda L Zaugg, Secretary