

BAILEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

AGENDA - September 9th, 2021

Notes from Bailey Community Association Meeting Sept 9, 2021

In attendance: Stuart, Jim, Justin, Konrad, Thomas, Chuck, Ed, Jake, and Nicole Mosteller (from the City of EL)

Guests—Neighborhood Resource Specialist Tonia Williams and EL Police Officer Chelsea Morehead

July minutes—not approved because they were unavailable to review,

Treasurer's report—no change \$2162.43. Possible upcoming expenses of roughly \$150 includes a Zoom license, if we opt to renew it. Is it possible to get internet access in Pump House?

New business

Resource specialist Tonia Williams led a discussion about neighborhood noise in Bailey and what to do if we have problems. Her job is to handle short term problems, such as knocking on doors to discuss a noise complaint. However, to fix the larger issue it will be difficult and require substantial input from the neighborhood. She is willing and interested in talking to the BCA about how to solve the bigger issue and get out of the problem of revolving students and noise complaints. To contact Tonia, call the regular police line and then ask for her number. Email is also an option. M-F 8-4:30.

NRS specialist Williams also discussed staffing issues at the police department. There are fewer police officers now and they cannot cover the downtown area and neighborhoods at the same time at night. They are taking care of fights, but not covering the neighborhoods at night. The police are understaffed and are limited on stops. It seems that there's a shift and it's getting harder to make arrest. If the BCA decides this is an issue they would like to see addressed by City Council, we can write a letter explaining our position and/or talk to other neighborhood associations to help bring this to the attention of Council. It's important to call dispatch with issues, especially rental issues, for documentation.

Officer Morehead told us that she represents Bailey, and is happy to do a safety presentation at a Board meeting. Her presentation includes: how to make a report; how to keep your house safe; an explanation of what a vacation property list is; and different options for safety. She told us that the number of officers in the city is down and they are working to fill some positions, although budget constraints remain a real issue.

Officer Morehead and NRS Williams talked about other issues in our neighborhood that they take care of, ranging from barking dogs to illegal renters and traffic. The issue of illegal rentals is a recurring issue brought to the Board. Both officers suggested documenting any illegal activity we see, and talking with Annette Irwin from the City; the BCA could also attend Council meetings to alert them of the issues.

Konrad Hittner presented information from a meeting with MSU officials. Janet Lillie, Assistant Vice President for Community Relations in Mid-Michigan, presented information from the health dept that were 75 Covid cases and 15 in ICU. Booster shots will be available in October. 16,000 students moved onto campus. At the current time, only about 64% of students have provided their vaccine registration information. There have been vaccine clinics on campus, but not particularly well attended.

Scooters are back with two different operators: Bird and Spin.

No reporting from the committees.

We may have openings on the Board. If we'd like to get MSU neighborhood student representatives on the Bailey Board, we should reach out to Sue Webster. If Board members know people who might be interested, let Justin know.

According to Chuck Overbey, there will be a fall clean up at Bailey Park. Once a date is set he will let the Board know and we can ask people to help with cleanup.

Nicole update—Cathy Deshambo has been promoted to Director of Parks and Rec. The City is in the process of hiring her replacement. Shanna Draheim has been appointed to fill the empty position on Council until the November 2021 elections. There are 3 positions open seats on Council. Appointments to the police oversight committee will happen in early October. 40 members interviewed.