

AP Quality of Life Committee Meeting Minutes for 12/05/18

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Present

Rita Williams, Councilwoman, Eileen Chapman, Kareen Kircher, Rob McKeown, Melanie Chongolola-Nestor, Trudy Syphax, Councilwoman Yvonne Clayton, Norman Robertson

Guest Introductions:

Nancy Fasano, Trish Zanellato

Duration

Meeting was called to order at 5:42 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Agenda & Discussion

1. Old Business
 - a. Photography Contest: Rob updated new folks on the idea for "Pride in the Park" photo contest; Rita said that next meeting is January 2nd; Rob agreed with Nancy that we could solicit submissions in January and pick a winner in February.
 - b. Anti-Litter Campaign - Melanie reported that Michael approved 3 of her 5 ideas; a reverse graffiti stencil could be used in conjunction with ; Michael said that the city can't spend money of giveaways; Councilwoman Clayton told Melanie to contact Yvonne Adams (502-4566) from Clean Communities for that funding. Eileen says she serves on the Wesley Lake Commission and Sunset Park Commission, and they would like to have some signage also.
 - c. Nancy asked if we have a budget; Councilwoman Clayton informed that we get grants and some funding from the city; project by project.
2. New Business
 - a. Trudy asked about rumors of that iStar would take over Sunset Lake. Eileen explained that iStar is agreeing to clean and dredge the lake over a 3-year

period. Kareen asked if there would be any remuneration or ownership; both councilwoman said no.

- b. Nancy asked about benches for Sunset Park; Eileen said that it's the only one that is fully owned by the city. Trish said that her son was noticing how under-utilized that park was, and brainstormed what could be done to attract kids. Eileen said that the public is welcome to weigh in.
 - c. Calendar for 2019; what's our vision? Mission 2019? Goals? Kareen suggested coming up with 3 words to represent our slogan;
 - d. Google communications: Kareen advised that she set up everything and handled access and permissions
 - e. Volunteer possibilities upcoming: Councilwoman Clayton distributed flyer for winter coat and food drive giveaway on 1/12/19. Rita asked how we could advertise further? Yvonne said that Sonia will handle, and some flyers will be in transportation center as well.
 - f. Vote for chairperson: discussion; folks will discuss offline and self-select at next meeting
 - g. Everyone was reminded to email or call the city clerk if they wish to serve again.
3. Other Business
- a. We were told by Michelle Rachels at Asbury Towers that they would decline hosting in February 2019; Diane Shelton is on the library board, as is Karen Murphy; they can be contacted to have the library host us in a future month.
 - b. This Saturday 12-5 Kwanzaa at the senior center, followed by Tree Lighting at the Springwood Avenue Park
 - c. Melanie will share integrated calendar of our meetings and of events we should attend throughout the year