

City of West Lafayette, Indiana
Board of Public Works and Safety
MINUTES

AUGUST 12, 2014
8:30 a.m.
Morton Community Center
Multi-Purpose Room

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Shawn R. Little, and Jonathan C. Speaker. Bradley W. Marley was absent. Mayor Dennis presided.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. August 5, 2014, Meeting

Mr. Speaker moved to accept the minutes of the August 5, 2014, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Little seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Agreements: Where Else Art Project (Alexandria Monik) and Tiny Places Art Project (Aaron Bumgarner) – Development

Craig Martin introduced himself as the head of the Public Arts Team for West Lafayette, appointed by the Mayor. Mr. Martin requested approval for two art project agreements. The first is the Where Else Art Project with Alexandria Monik and involves work on the boarded-up window spaces at the former Where Else building. The agreement is for \$1,500 plus \$500 for supplies. The second project is the Tiny Places Art Project with Aaron Bumgarner. This project is a compliment to the Small Spaces project in Lafayette. This agreement is for \$3,000 and includes various locations throughout the Village and possibly the Levee. He described each of the projects and noted that the artists' proposals were made available to the Board.

Mayor Dennis thanked Mr. Martin and commented that boarded-up windows are often seen as an indicator of decay. He stated that there are reasons for the boards and it is a temporary thing, but it is a negative image. When we can use art to celebrate the fact that it is blank space, it is a value. Although it will not be up long, it is a way to celebrate our public art options.

Mr. Martin stated that it enlivens community and turns negative space into a landmark.

Ms. Booker moved that the agreements for the Where Else and Tiny Places art projects be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

b. Street Closings: Garden Street, Marstellar Street, Linda Lane, Connolly Street – Police

Police Sergeant Marion stated that it is block party time and she requested approval for multiple street closures, as listed below.

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Street	Date (2014)	Time	Reason
Linda Lane between Soldiers Home Rd. and Reba Rd.	Aug. 23 (Rain Date Aug. 24)	3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Block Party
Garden Street between Summit Dr. and Sheridan Rd.	Aug. 26	2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Northwestern Heights Association Picnic
Connolly Street 200 Block	Aug. 31	4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Block Party
Marstellar Street between St. Thomas and Purdue Agriculture Building	Sept. 5	7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Blockbuster Weekend
	Sept. 6	6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	
	Sept. 7	1:00 p.m. to 9:30p.m.	

Ms. Little moved that the above described street closures be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. Hire: School Crossing Guard – Jeanette Bennett – Police

Police Chief Dombkowski requested approval to fill a crossing guard opening by hiring Jeanette Bennett effective August 12, 2014, with pay at a daily rate of \$31.45.

Ms. Booker moved that the hire of Jeanette Bennett as a crossing guard be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

d. Claims

- i. AP Docket \$545,653.28
- ii. PR Docket \$390,579.01
- iii. PR Docket \$198,918.58

Ms. Little moved that the claims be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

A question raised about an individual claim by the Board was answered by WWTU Director Henderson.

The motion was adopted.

e. Informational Items

i. Project Payment List – WWTU

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

ii. Park Board Dockets

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

f. Other Items

► Public Works Director Buck reported on construction projects, noting that they are trying to wrap items up for the return of students. The parking lot in front of Cumberland Elementary is finished and traffic lanes have changed. Utility companies are wrapping up patch work.

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► Chief Dombkowski stated that the Police Department will be out today to make sure school zones are set, including testing equipment and ensuring that Cumberland Avenue is set. There will be extra officers out in school zones for the first week to slow people down.

Mayor Dennis stated that the Police Department did a fantastic job in apprehending robbers over the weekend.

► Mayor Dennis congratulated Director of Development Poole on the opening of Fresh City Market.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Booker moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting.