



**CITY OF GENEVA
COLLEGE AREA LIVABILITY TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING
October 22, 2018
6:00 PM
GENEVA CITY HALL**

MINUTES

Members in Attendance

Bob Debolt, Property Owner
Robb Flowers, HWS
Walt Gage, Resident
Angelina Marino, Councilor, Ward 1
Tom Myers, Resident
Dan Ofstein, Resident

Staff in Attendance

Rhonda Destino, Office of Neighborhood Initiatives
Sage Gerling, Office of City Manager
Chief Passalacqua, Police Department

- I. Call to Order** **Councilor Angelina Marino, Chair**
- II. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes** **Sage Gerling, Staff Liaison**
- III. Public Comment**
- Pat Guard shared the great work from William Smith students on Saturday's Day of Service clean-up in Jefferson Park. She thanked HWS as well as noted the grassroots efforts encouraged by the City for the role of the neighborhood associations to pitch in and work on projects the residents' care about.
- IV. Discussions**
- A. Possible new meeting format
- Moving to quarterly committee meetings for strategic direction with HWS and City staff meeting in between. Looking to align with the opening and closing of the academic schedule: September; January or February and April.
 - Possible programs to work on: August visits to all properties by the committee in collaboration with HWS and Police Department to talk to college students and neighbors; tavern and BID collaboration; and/or the February off-campus student workshop.

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- B. Takeaways from national webinar on 8/30 entitled: “Address Off-Campus Housing & Behavior: Partner Collaboratively to Handle Noise, Neighborhood Conflicts & Conduct Concerns”
 - Sage Gerling shared the webinar idea of going to all college area residents in August. This would need help from all committee members and would be outreach to residents and students, sharing expectations and how to reach out for help from both sides.
- C. Forwarding the 2018 Task Force goal:
 - 1. Strengthen relationships between HWS and the neighborhoods. (Rhonda Destino)
 - i. Off-campus student education
 - It was noted that the Volunteer Inspection program needed some tweaks. Code department staff met with HWS to look at dates and deadlines for inspections.
 - A fun workshop format for Feb. 2019’s student panel with active engagement and prizes. Topics might include: How to be a good neighbor; HWS policies; Police/Fire and volunteer inspections and lease worksheet.

V. Updates

A. Committee Members

- a. Warm Weather Checks (Sage Gerling) – 56 letters went out in the Fall season. A question was asked to follow-up on was about repeat homes and landlords.
- b. Police Department Updates (Chief Passalacqua) – Police detail sign-ups for S. Main have increased due to department staffing levels being up. The detail includes one officer for Pulteney, Argyle, Delancey area, one officer on S. Main by park and one officer by the 5&20 cloverleaf ramps. With the cold weather, there will be less foot traffic. Communication with Marty Corbett and Montrose Streeter and the Police Department with Sergeants and Lieutenants has been helpful regarding Title 9 regulations. Campus safety is a good team and working with the police department. Students some times react better with them. Last weekend there were three to four arrests at one house regarding noise and open container issues. Overall feel noise complaints down a little with arrests done. Regarding the one way traffic use on Argyle Street, the camera could not make out the license plate.
- c. HWS Updates (Robb Flowers) – Agreed with Chief Passalacqua on points made and said that the Police Department was doing a great job. Four students have been suspended and a fraternity was suspended for three years.

VI. Adjourn

Post Meeting Follow-up Notes

- Answer to the question regarding properties that received notifications during the warm weather checks:
 - Five properties received more than one notice. The notifications were for different issues.
 - 50 homes total received notifications and not all were college rentals. Nine homes were owner-occupied homes. Four were HWS properties.
 - Six landlords had notifications across multiple properties.
 - One solution for getting the word out is to provide information about warm weather checks during the volunteer inspections.