

*Economic & Community Development Committee  
May 18, 2015  
Minutes of the Meeting*

**Attendance**

Councillor Darcy	Absent (in another committee)
Councillor Fowler	Present
Councillor Logan	Present
Councillor Leblanc	Present
Chairman Waddick	Present

Chairman Waddick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Fowler moved for approval of the May 4, 2015 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Resolution by Councillor O'Brien and Councillor Giordano was before the committee to discuss the house break-ins in the cedar wood area. Police Chief Keith MacPherson was invited into the committee to discuss this matter.

Councillor Leblanc moved to hear from off committee members. Chairman Waddick informed the committee and the neighbors in attendance that this was a public meeting, and not a public hearing. However, time permitting he would allow a few representatives from the neighborhood to speak.

Councillor O'Brien and Councillor Giordano mentioned that in the past few weeks there have been multiple house breaks in the area and that the neighbors would like some information on what is being done to address this problem.

Bill Bennett, a cedar wood resident, mentioned that neighbors are very concerned about the number of breaks in such a short period of time.

Police Chief MacPherson informed the group that one arrest has been made and that person is still in custody. Chief MacPherson also said that this activity is not very uncommon. Neighbors should be very attentive to their surroundings and watch out for each other.

Councillor O'Brien asked Chief MacPherson about additional signage, patrols and any other resources that could be used in the area. Chief MacPherson informed that additional resources have already been assigned to this neighborhood.

Councillor Giordano informed that neighbors of the best phone number to be used to get in touch with the Police Department.

Councillor Leblanc asked Chief MacPherson about the number of open cases in the area.

Jennifer Patten asks if the Police Department were seeing an increase in drug use in the City. Chief MacPherson said yes.

Collette Casey Brennan asked about the timing of the house breaks. Chief MacPherson said most have been in the late afternoon / early evening.

Michael Roskind asked if the breaks could be related to the construction project going on in the neighborhood. Chief MacPherson said they are aware of the construction project going on in that area.

Chief MacPherson reminder the neighbors that his Department is always willing to attend neighborhood meetings.

Councillor Leblanc made a motion to table the matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Leblanc moved to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas J Magno – Clerk Pro Tem