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RE: Informational – Neighborhood Walks - 2019.

As the Council is aware, this summer the City reinvigorated the Neighborhood Walk program as a result of a motion from Councilor Cirillo which was endorsed by the City Council. This year's walks were conducted at the following areas:

- May 18th Centralville
- June 1st Back Central
- June 15th Acre
- June 29th Highlands (Cupples Square area)
- August 3rd Downtown
- August 24th Downtown/South Common
- September 21st Centralville
- September 28th Downtown/ South Common

Neighborhood Liaison Shauna Forcier from the City Manager's Office arranged the walk areas and coordinated with the various Neighborhood Groups regarding the walks. Representatives from the Lowell Police Department and the Lowell Fire Department attended every walk, along with a Building Inspector, Health Inspector, and Zoning Officer from Development Services. The City received significant positive feedback from the Neighborhood Groups for this effort.

To give a general idea of the items identified in these walks, here are a few statistics:

48 Zoning Violations

- Including unregistered vehicles and illegal auto repair

79 Sanitary Code Violations

- Including trash and exterior minimum maintenance

39 Building Code Violations

- Including storage of combustible material, blocked egresses and working without a permit

Additionally, LPD and LFD found multiple issues that they were able to respond to on each and every Neighborhood Walk.

Given the results and positive feedback from this series of walks, the City will begin planning a new round of Neighborhood walks for the spring and summer of 2020, and will continue to report to the City Council on the results of this initiative.

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