

Minutes

Northeast Neighborhood Council, Inc.
803 N. Notre Dame Avenue
Monday, February 10, 2020

Attendance: Bill Stenz, President; Chuck Nelson, 2nd Vice President; Solomon Anderson, Treasurer; Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary; John Butkovich; Kisha Hoover; Kem Meyer; Dan Presler; Beth Sanford; Erin Shell; Nan Tulchinsky; LuElla Webster; Ella Williams.

Excused: Marguerite Taylor, Mike Hastings, Mattie Hoover, Jean Hanrahan

Guests: Sgt. Tomar Thomas, SBPD; Capt. Joe Leszczynski, SBPD; Ryan Rycker, COSB.

I. Call to Order 5:35 p.m. by Bill Stenz

II. Minutes Approval: The January 2020 Minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Financial Report: Solomon Anderson reported. The account balance at the end of January 2020 was \$27,129.42.

IV. President's Comments: No comments.

V. Special Reports.

a. Crime report. Capt. Leszczynski and Sgt. Thomas were present and reported relative quiet in the area during the past month.

b. Notre Dame report. Mike Hastings was not able to attend.

c. Food Pantry Report: Nan Tulchinsky reported that 79 families and 328 people in total were served during January. Two IPorch groups have been very supportive of the Pantry. Harter Heights group brought in 400 lbs. of food. Purple Porch has provided large quantities of produce. These and other contributions have enabled the Pantry to provide our clients with more quality offerings which now include fresh milk, eggs and produce.

d. NNRO. Nothing new to report, next meeting scheduled a few days after this meeting, Bill anticipates there will be interesting new developments to report at our February meeting.

e. Firehouse Restoration. \$160,000 has been raised so far with focus on the building's exterior. Kem Meyer and John Butkovich suggested finding novel ways to further stimulate the fundraising effort.

f. Robinson Center 19th Anniversary Celebration celebrating 20 years of memories takes place at the Robinson Center on Friday, February 14th between 5:30pm and 7:00pm. This is the last anniversary celebration at the current site. LuElla said the mild winter has accelerated construction and anticipates that the new site will be occupied in July or August with the dedication in September. The new center will have 13,000 square feet (the current center is 8,600 square feet).

VI. New Business. Ryan Ryker from The City of South Bend attended and spoke briefly about "CDFI South Bend" (Community Development Financial Institution). This initiative is designed to provide economic empowerment for entrepreneurial and traditional business and non-profit ventures. Sonja Karnovsky will be the point of contact. Ryan also spoke about the Love Your Block program which invites neighborhood groups to apply for a community transformation mini-grant up to \$1,000 for various neighborhood improvement projects. Applications can be obtained at the Charles Martin Youth Center starting March 2nd. A "Tend the Bend" trailer is available for neighborhood cleanups and block parties. It provides mowers and other tools along

with trash bags, a grill and \$150 for a neighborhood block party. Beginning March 2nd, neighborhood organizations will have access to the trailer. After June 15th, the public may apply for projects throughout the city. LuElla volunteered to be project coordinator for the Northeast Neighborhood. Ryan will send Patty a pdf file of the project flyers to circulate to board members.

VII. Announcements.

- a. LuElla told the group that Marguerite will be coming home on February 11th and hopes to be fully recovered in 3 months.

VIII. Adjournment: 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary

Next Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
March 9, 2020 5:30 p.m.
Northeast Neighborhood Center
803 N. Notre Dame Ave.
South Bend, IN 46617