

Minutes

Northeast Neighborhood Council, Inc.
803 N. Notre Dame Avenue
Monday, March 9, 2020

Attendance: Chuck Nelson, 2nd Vice President; Solomon Anderson, Treasurer; Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary; Kisha Hoover; Dan Presler; Beth Sanford; Erin Shell; Nan Tulchinsky; LuElla Webster.

Partner: Mike Hastings

Excused: Bill Berry, Jean Hanrahan, Mattie Hoover, Gary King, Kem Meyer, Meleah Pustelak, Bill Stenz, Peter Stone, Ella Williams

Guests: Ian Salzman, COSB.

- I. Call to Order 5:35 p.m. by Chuck Nelson who moderated meeting in Bill Stenz's absence.
- II. Minutes Approval: The February 2020 Minutes were approved as submitted.
- III. Financial Report: Solomon Anderson reported. The account balance at the end of February 2020 was \$26,552.68.
- IV. President's Comments: No comments.
- V. Special Reports.
 - a. Crime Report. No police officers present. Erin Shell reported shots fired in her area sporadically during the month.
 - b. Notre Dame report. Mike Hastings reported that Eddy Street Commons Phase II is moving along on schedule and the full road opening of Eddy Street is anticipated to take place this summer. Construction of the Quigley Place townhomes (located on the north side of the new Robinson Center) is underway. Five of the seven units at Quigley Place are reserved for ownership. Eddy Street Phase III is still in the planning stage with Kite Realty and the NNRO collaborating on a site plan for the old Robinson Center and surrounding property. The goal is a grocer anchored, mixed use development which will include 18,000 total square feet of retail with some residential. Charlie Hayes will be developing the N.E. corner of Corby and 23 while there is a pending project for construction of a bank just south of the existing Robinson Center property.
 - c. Food Pantry Report: Nan Tulchinsky reported that 36 families, 54 clients and a total of 177 people were served during the month of February. The Pantry is keeping up with the demand and enjoys the continuing support of Harter Heights and Granger IPorch groups.
 - d. NNRO. An unofficial NNRO meeting is being held with non-voting members this month. The focus is now turning to the area going south on Eddy and east to Twyckenham. The first objective is to address housing and vacant lots in that area. The hope is to encourage small businesses and entrepreneurs to provide employment for neighbors living in the area which would support housing and avoid gentrification. John Butkovich suggested connecting with Habitat in this effort where mortgages and mortgage payments could be worked out between homeowners and Habitat.
 - e. Firehouse Restoration. The fund remains at \$160,000. Work will begin on the exterior and there will be a new fundraising event in the Spring after a few renovations have been made.

f. Robinson Center 19th Anniversary Celebration was held on Valentines Day. LuElla thanked all who attended and supported this successful event. 250 reflections on relationships with the Center and staff were received and each one is posted at the Robinson Center. LuElla encouraged everyone to visit and browse.

g. Back The Bend. Scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. Projects and bus trip were moved forward by one hour to accommodate students participating in the Fischer Regatta on Notre Dame campus. Projects are to be announced. The bus trip will include a visit to the historic St. Paul's Memorial United Methodist Church on LaPorte and Colfax and the new Howard Park. (as of this writing, Back the Bend is postponed due to Corona Virus concerns).

VI. New Business. Ian Salzman from the Dept. of Community Investment, COSB, attended to update the board on new neighborhood initiatives city-wide: Love Your Block, Tend the Bend and CDFI. Service coordinator training for Love Your Block is scheduled for March 21st. LuElla volunteered to be service coordinator for the Northeast Neighborhood. Mini neighborhood grant applications are available at the Charles Martin Youth Center. The Tend the Bend trailer includes a host of cleanup tools and a grill along with \$150 to hold a neighborhood block party. It can be reserved through Code Enforcement. Ian also informed us that the NRC will be compiling a periodic neighborhood report based upon submissions from the various neighborhood meetings held each month around the city. Ian requested contact information for the NENC board members which Patty will forward. Chuck Nelson mentioned that he received an email from Sonja Karnovsky on progress with the Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). A Board of Directors is now in place and they are in the process of recruiting an Executive Director (a salaried position). Chuck asked to be contacted if we know of any prospects.

VII. Announcements.

a. LuElla reported that Marguerite is doing well at home as she continues to recover.

VIII. Adjournment: 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary

Next Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
To Be Announced
Northeast Neighborhood Center
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South Bend, IN 46617