

Minutes

Northeast Neighborhood Council, Inc.
803 N. Notre Dame Avenue
Monday, May 11, 2020

Attendance: Bill Stenz, President; Solomon Anderson, Treasurer; Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary; Bill Berry; John Butkovich; Gary King; Beth Sanford; Erin Shell; Nan Tulchinsky.

Partner: Mike Hastings

Guest: Ryan Ryker, COSB

I. This meeting was held on Zoom due to Covid-19. Bill welcomed participants at 5:30 p.m.

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

III. Financial Report: Solomon Anderson reported. The account balance at the end of March 2020 was \$27,999.73. A \$400 check issued to Cultivate in January has not yet been cashed.

IV. President's Comments: Bill informed the board that Elizabeth Leachman of South Bend Heritage, is helping revive the Northeast Neighborhood website. The city is offering grant money to provide a 1-year subscription to a Zoom account to facilitate neighborhood association meetings; Bill submitted the NENC application. Bill also informed us that Corby Laundromat and Approved Safety are closed and everything on their properties going to Auction on Friday, May 15th.

V. Special Reports.

a. Crime Report. No police officers present. Erin and Patty reported multiple gunshot incidents at McKinley and Arthur. The police designated the area a hotspot. Beth Sanford reported a neighbor's car stolen at St. Peter/St. Vincent Streets. It was later recovered in bad condition at Park Jefferson. There was a stabbing on the 1200 block of Madison Street determined by police to be self-defense.

b. Notre Dame report. Mike Hastings provided a University of Notre Dame update on campus plans. The first session of summer school was cancelled. Plans for the second session to be announced on May 15th. The decision for Fall classes to be announced no later than June 15th. Notre Dame provides up-to-date details on its Corona Virus website. Eddy Street Commons Phase III plans are moving forward. The current site of the Robinson Center/Corby Laundromat/Approved Safety will soon be cleared and redeveloped to a mixed-use site anchored by a grocer and including townhomes. There is no formal agreement in place yet with a grocer. The new Robinson Center is nearing completion with move-in to be scheduled shortly. Eddy Street will re-open north of Howard Street this summer.

c. Food Pantry Report: Nan Tulchinsky reported that the Pantry has been extremely busy due to demand created by the pandemic. Nan, Jim Kapsa and Meleah Pustelak have been running the Pantry without additional assistance because most of the Senior volunteers are isolating. A tremendous amount of food has been provided by the Harter Heights IPorch and the Granger IPorch. A pig was donated which Martins weighed, wrapped and froze in family portions. There is a new IPorch group started by some St. Joe High students. Nan said the Pantry is providing the best food selection in the city with a balance fresh produce, dairy and meat. In this time of need, the pantry is open to anyone in the city for one-time emergency distribution. Those clients are then directed to other available assistance. Solomon asked

what safety measures were in place. Nan replied that they have implemented a no contact policy with only the 3 volunteers allowed in the Pantry. The Pantry always remains locked to keep the staff healthy. Clients stop at the hallway window, one at a time, where Nan presents list of offerings. Jim and Meleah then pack the orders and set in a container outside for client pick up. Also, new food arriving at the Pantry sits on tables for 3 days before being added to inventory. In March, there were 13 emergencies, 2 new clients, 68 households and 300 people served. In April, there were 28 emergencies, 2 new clients, 78 households and 333 people served. Many monetary donations have been received.

d. NNRO. A comprehensive packet of information is under review regarding redevelopment plans along Eddy Street between South Bend Clinic and Howard Including the residential area directly east of Eddy. Included among the plans are proposed Senior housing with 24 units between Sorin and Cedar on the east side of Eddy, new housing or renovation for existing housing, and a component for neighborhood health and well-being with possible partnership with South Bend Clinic. The building under construction on the east side of Eddy & Howard is a Charlie Hayes project which will be mostly residential with commercial space on the first floor. A bank will be constructed just north of the First A.M.E. Zion Church.

e. Firehouse Restoration. Bill circulated via email and displayed the site plan for the restoration project. The board examined the parking and loading zone for safety and efficiency concerns. The entrance to the building will include new landscaping and new concrete creating a flat surface. The trash cans will be moved to the south side of the building in back.

VI. New Business. Ryan Ryker from the Dept. of Community Investment, COSB, announced changes to the Love Your Block grant program due to the pandemic. The grants will be designated for Acts of Kindness and open to any group in the city doing relief efforts.

VII. Announcements. No announcements

VIII. Adjournment: 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary

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South Bend, IN 46617