

Minutes

Northeast Neighborhood Council, Inc.
803 N. Notre Dame Avenue
Monday, November 11, 2019

Attendance: Bill Stenz, President; Chuck Nelson, 2nd Vice President; Solomon Anderson, Treasurer; Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary; Jean Hanrahan; Kisha Hoover; Torrence Moody; Dan Presler; Meleah Pustelak; Beth Sanford; Erin Shell; LuElla Webster.

Partner: Mike Hastings

Guests: Sgt. Anthony Ierici, SBPD; Officer Matt Tadevich, SBPD; Jo Broden; Troy Warner; Kael Kanczuzewski; Paul Kempf; Mike Lindburg; Loria Perez; Elliot Rosen; Ann Rosen; Elizabeth Van Jacobs

Excused: Gary King, Mattie Hoover, Kem Meyer, Marguerite Taylor, Nan Tulchinsky, Ella Williams

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

II. Minutes Approval: The October, 2019 Minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Financial Report: Solomon Anderson reported. The account balance at the end of September, 2019 was \$19,413.02. \$750.00 was received from Sacred Heart Parish.

IV. President's Comments: No comments.

V. Special Reports.

a. Crime report. Several residents from Harter Heights were present following gun violence in the Harter Heights area. The discussion yielded several suggestions for combatting gun violence in the neighborhood. Jo Broden stressed the importance of networking among neighbors and attending NENC monthly meetings. She also talked about lighting as a crime deterrent both on private property and street lighting. Streetlights needing attention can easily be called in using the city's 311 help line. The police encourage residents with private security cameras to register them with the police so they can locate cameras that may have recorded evidence of crime. The discussion turned to expanding programs for youths at new and existing facilities (shared use is currently being studied by the city and schools). Several board members emphasized the importance of getting to know the police officers assigned to the Northeast Neighborhood. Jo Broden mentioned that City Council has allocated funds to programs such as Peacemakers and GVI (Gun Violence Intervention). These programs need community support such as hiring individuals who are participating in these "next step" programs. Sgt. Ierici spoke about dealing with crime hot spots by parking the abatement vehicle which is equipped to videotape. He also asked everyone to spread the word about the importance of calling in crime and gunshots. LuElla reminded the group that Pastor Reed from Mt. Olive Church offered to host a neighborhood meeting to further address these issues. She also mentioned that Chief Ruskowski offered to meet quarterly with concerned residents.

b. Notre Dame report. Mike Hastings reported that construction of the new Robinson Center is running a bit ahead of schedule with opening anticipated for August, 2020. He will have news next meeting about new ESC tenant across from Old National. Kite is working on finding a grocer for the old Robinson Center property.

c. Food Pantry Report: In September, 73 households and 253 total individuals were served. There were 3 emergencies and 2 new clients.

- d. NNRO. The annual meeting was held on Monday, November 4th. The presentation provided updates on activities during the past year. The NNRO has been in operation for 19 years averaging construction of 7 or 8 new homes per year; most of them considered affordable. Annual reports can be obtained at the front desk at the Robinson Center.
- e. Firehouse Restoration. Groundbreaking was held on October 16th. \$157,000 of the \$250,000 goal has been raised so far. A mason has been hired to start preliminary work as weather permits.
- f. Christmas Party to be held on Monday, December 9th at 6 p.m. at the Robinson Center. It is a time for enjoying good food and fellowship with board members, families and neighborhood friends. Everyone was encouraged to bring a dish to share.
- g. Traffic Calming. Jo Broden circulated a comprehensive report prior to this meeting. It addressed several studies. Among recommendations is installation of speed bumps which could happen soon depending upon feedback from neighbors. Most action will take place in 2020.
- h. NRC Summit. Beth Sanford attended and reported that it was a successful event with a full day of speakers and workshops. Jo Broden commented that many areas of the city do not have active community groups and encouraged the NENC to connect where possible.

VI. New Business. No new business.

VII. Announcements.

- a. The ribbon cutting at Howard Park is scheduled for Friday, November 29th between 6 and 8 p.m.
- b. LuElla informed the group that Marguerite is facing health challenges and she welcomes emails and Facebook contact. She asked us to keep Marguerite in prayer.

VIII. Adjournment: 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary

Next Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
January 13, 2020 5:30 p.m.
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