

Minutes

Northeast Neighborhood Council, Inc.
803 N. Notre Dame Avenue
Monday, September 9, 2019

Attendance: Bill Stenz, President; Marguerite Taylor, Vice President; Chuck Nelson, 2nd Vice President; Solomon Anderson, Treasurer; Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary; Jean Hanrahan; Kisha Hoover; Dan Presler; Meleah Pustelak; Beth Sanford; Erin Shell; Peter Stone; Ella Williams

Guests: Sgt. Anthony Ierici, SBPD; Officer Matt Tadevich, SBPD; Kacey Gerey, Troy Warner, Tyler Gillean, Jennifer Deniger, Diana Taylor

Partner: Mike Hastings

Excused: Bill Berry, Jeanne Ewing, Gary King, Mattie Hoover, Kem Meyer, Torrence Moody, Nan Tulchinsky, LuElla Webster

I. Call to Order 5:30 p.m. by Bill Stenz

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

III. Financial Report: No financial report

IV. President's Comments: Bill Stenz spoke about the planned construction of the new Brian and Paqui Kelly home on St. Peter Street. Parking variances are being sought for this property due to the number of guests regularly hosted by the head football coach. Additional parking is proposed, mostly along the alley, on permeable paving which is a grass paver. Marguerite Taylor expressed disappointment with the NNRO for not taking a position on this project due to its scope. Beth Sanford, who lives next door to this property, expressed concern over the proposed parking arrangement in a neighborhood with existing parking challenges and regulations. Discussion of this topic was tabled until later in the meeting when new business is discussed.

V. Special Reports.

a. Crime report. Sgt. Anthony Ierici introduced Officer Matt Tadevich who is one of our Northeast Neighborhood officers. They addressed the multiple occurrences of shots fired in the area east of Eddy Street. Some of this activity is attributed to problem homes in the neighborhood. Peter Stone asked if the GVI (Group Violence Intervention) program is still active. Sgt. Ierici said it is still very active although meetings are general held quietly with several service agencies involved. He reports that the program is working but it is not a quick process. The program is focused on youth offenders who are offered counseling, jobs and opportunities. If they don't cooperate, heavy consequences are imposed. The average age of those involved in shootings is 15 – 26.

b. Notre Dame report. Mike Hastings, our new neighborhood partner from Notre Dame, reported that the new apartments on the east side of Eddy Street in Eddy Street Commons Phase II project, are now open for occupancy. The apartments on the west side of Eddy are projected to be ready for occupancy this winter, 2020. Mike also reported the successful groundbreaking event for the new Robinson Center facility at the end of August. He will bring more clarity to the project at the October NENC meeting.

c. Food Pantry Report: Meleah Pustelak reported that 59 families and 198 total individuals were served in August.

d. NNRO. The Department of Community Investment for South Bend visited the NNRO meeting to consider ways to capitalize upcoming community projects.

- e. Firehouse Restoration. Kisha Hoover reported that donations have reached \$131 thousand. Additional donations are being sought.
- f. Back to School Picnic and Garage Sale. The event takes place on September 20th. Notre Dame Student Government has donated \$1,000 to this event. Other arrangements were discussed including food, attractions, volunteer help and the Food Pantry Benefit Garage Sale.
- g. NENC Newsletter and Website. Marguerite reporting speaking with the CEO of St. Joe Regional Medical Center who confirmed that they will donate the printing of the Newsletter which is projected for December. The website is currently down and Bill Stenz will contact the provider, Media Temple, for suggestions.

VI. New Business

a. Brian and Paqui Kelly home on St. Peter Street. Continuation of discussion initiated during President's Comments earlier this meeting. Beth Sanford asked the Board for support in her effort to delay a decision by the ABZA to grant a special exception for vacating the alley to provide additional parking on the property. The board unanimously passed a motion to advise the ABZA that "The NENC (Northeast Neighborhood Council) requests a delay in decision on variance #3 because of conflicting site plan information and verbal communication with adjacent neighbors."

VII. Announcements. No announcements.

VIII. Adjournment: 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary

Next Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
October 14, 2019 5:30 p.m.
Northeast Neighborhood Center
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