

## Minutes

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

**Attendance:** Bill Stenz, President; Chuck Nelson, Second Vice President; Solomon Anderson, Treasurer; Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary; Bill Berry; John Butkovich; Kem Meyer; Beth Sanford; Nan Tulchinsky.

**Partner:** Mike Hastings

**Excused:** Marguerite Taylor, LuElla Webster, Jean Hanrahan, Mattie Hoover, Meleah Pustelak

**Guests:** Ryan Ryker, COSB; Marsha Stevenson

- I. Bill Stenz hosted this meeting on Zoom. He called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Minutes Approval: The July 2020 Minutes were approved as submitted.
- III. Financial Report: Balance at the end of July was \$29,741.65.
- IV. President's Comments: Bill saved comments for later in the meeting under Special Reports, NNRO.
- V. Special Reports.
  - a. Crime Report. No police officers present. Bill Stenz referred to Troy Warner's extensive email circulated to the Board regarding Harter Heights shooting incident and other safety efforts in the area including traffic mitigation.
  - b. Notre Dame report. Mike Hastings reported that Notre Dame Resident Life and Housing has been working hard to safely welcome students. All students were pre-tested prior to travelling and anyone testing positive was advised to remain at home for a month. A Notre Dame Coronavirus dashboard will be online shortly. Regarding Eddy Street Commons: the dog park near Brothers will be opened in September; Bru Burger is now open (the former Livery location). The Phase III development of the former Robinson Center and surrounding properties will move forward as soon as the demolition process takes place, hopefully in early September. The exterior art is now up and looking beautiful at the new Robinson Center. John Butkovich asked if there is any way to report off-campus party activity. Mike responded that all Notre Dame students, faculty and staff signed on to a code of conduct during the pandemic. He suggested calling the Notre Dame Police non-emergency line with any community complaints regarding large social gatherings among students: 574-631-5555. Mike was asked if the Notre Dame Surplus Store has opened at a new location. Mike responded that a new location has not yet been identified. Beth Sanford asked about the occupancy rate at the Foundry. Mike responded that it is about 65% to 70% and the international students have not yet arrived. Beth also asked if there will be overflow parking for the Robinson Center. Mike responded that any overflow will park on street.
  - c. Food Pantry Report: A comprehensive report was circulated prior to this meeting which provided 3 years of data from the Pantry. In July, 77 families and 288 individuals were served enough food to cover 4 – 5 days. The offerings included plenty of fresh produce.
  - d. NNRO. A PDF of the NNRO document, outlining the 5-year plan, was circulated to the Board prior to this meeting. The hard copy will soon be available. Bill Stenz explained the committee structure: Resident Wellness, Partnerships (stakeholders), Affordable Housing and Economic Empowerment. An NENC board member sits on each committee. There will

be opportunities for community input and volunteer participation in various aspects of 2.0. The Affordable Housing committee is seeking lots for in-fill opportunities.

e. Firehouse Restoration. As work continues on the building's exterior, Bill reported that the air conditioner was recently replaced.

f. City of South Bend. Ryan Ryker reported that the City is providing sixty \$5,000 grants to small businesses negatively impacted by Covid. Registered businesses are preferred and there will be emphasis on minority and new businesses. Businesses with PPP loans in place are also eligible for the City grant. The City also has 7.7 million available for in a revolving loan fund for all small businesses.

g. Zoning request for family development. Bill reviewed the site plan for the proposed Rask family compound at the Niles/Stanfield/Corby location. The plan would reconfigure the properties to include two homes with a small lot occupied by an outbuilding with generators. The proposed plan will go before the County Planning Commission in September.

VI. New Business. No new business.

VII. Announcements. No announcements

VIII. Adjournment: 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary

Next Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting  
September 14,  
South Bend, IN 46617