

## Minutes

Northeast Neighborhood Council, Inc.  
803 N. Notre Dame Avenue  
Monday, December 14, 2020

**Attendance:** Bill Stenz, President; Chuck Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Solomon Anderson, Treasurer; Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary; John Butkovich; Kisha Hoover; Gary King; Kem Meyer; Meleah Pustelak; Beth Sanford; Nan Tulchinsky; Ella Williams

**Excused:** Marguerite Taylor, Jean Hanrahan, Mattie Hoover, Bill Berry, Alfreda Redding, Erin Shell, Mike Hastings

**Guests:** Robert Stanley, Ryan Ryker

- I. Bill Stenz hosted this meeting on Zoom. He called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.
- II. Minutes Approval: The November 2020 Minutes approved as submitted.
- III. Financial Report: The balance at the end of November was \$29,248.53. Substantial donations have been received. Solomon thanked Nan for her active promotion of the Food Pantry which is reflected in increase of donations!
- IV. President's Comments No special comments.
- V. Special Reports.
  - a. Crime Report. No police officers present. Patty Walsh informed the group of several additional gunfire incidents in the area east of Eddy and north of McKinley. Bill Stenz commented that he hopes for a concerted effort in the coming months to address gun violence in the area. He cited Troy Warner's lengthy email to NNRO partners and city officials regarding this situation and offering alternative ideas to engage youth in the area.
  - b. Notre Dame report. Mike Hastings was excused from this meeting. Bill Stenz mentioned that Eddy Street Phase III is ongoing with construction of Trader Joes. He also reminded the board that the Notre Dame students are scheduled to return in early February.
  - c. Food Pantry Report: Bill Stenz opened the discussion with information about the Pantry's refrigeration issues and the need for additional refrigeration space. The existing commercial refrigerator has been in need of an upgrade and the service people have been scheduled to evaluate a few days after this meeting. Bill estimated at a similar sized new unit would cost approximately \$5,000 and repair might cost around \$1,000. The commercial capacity is 50 cubic feet while a home unit is around 12 cubic feet. Nan announced that Cultivate has selected our pantry along with 13 other successful pantries to experiment with delivery options. The last shipment from Cultivate included milk, yogurt, cottage cheese, eggs, fresh vegetables etc. Greenbridge offered as many fresh salads as we could take the day of this meeting, however we could only take advantage of a limited amount because of the refrigeration issues. Bill assured the board that these issues would be resolved shortly with either with a commercial unit or 3 or 4 additional regular units.
  - d. NNRO. Bill Stenz reported that the 2.0 strategy is being worked out among the committees. He said that the non-voting, volunteer committee members might not be included until February. He also mentioned that the committees are seeking additional participants to assist with the 2.0 effort. As a reminder, the committees are: Affordable Housing, Partnerships, Resident Wellness and Economic Empowerment.

e. Firehouse Restoration. Bill Stenz informed the board that the forms are set in the back for parking. The next steps are paving and landscaping in the front and, eventually, some interior improvements.

f. City of South Bend. Ryan Ryker announced that the Winter Acts of Kindness grant applications are due by December 21<sup>st</sup>. John Butkovich inquired whether we could apply for this grant to assist with our refrigeration costs. Ryan replied yes and he would send the application over immediately. The maximum grant amount is \$350.00.

VI. New Business.

- a. In June, we deferred election of officers and nomination of new board members to our December meeting (without knowing we would still be meeting in Zoom format). At this meeting, the officers all agreed to continue serving until we can hold an election in June of 2021. Bill did open the floor to new Board member nominations, and he nominated Robert Stanley who has been regularly attending the NENC meetings. Robert accepted and the Board welcomed him. Bill reminded us that we can add new Board members at any time.

VII. Announcements. Solomon thanked the Board for their kind thoughts and plant that was sent in memory of his recently deceased sister.

VIII. Adjournment: 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary

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