

Minutes

Northeast Neighborhood Council, Inc.
803 N. Notre Dame Avenue
Monday, November 9, 2020

Attendance: Bill Stenz, President; Chuck Nelson, 2nd Vice President; Solomon Anderson, Treasurer; Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary; John Butkovich; Kem Meyer; Beth Sanford; Erin Shell; Nan Tulchinsky.

Partner: Mike Hastings

Excused: Marguerite Taylor, Jean Hanrahan, Mattie Hoover, Bill Berry, Alfreda Redding

Guests: Troy Warner, S.B. Common Council; Ryan Ryker (COSB); Dominique Edwards (COSB); Robert Stanley

I. Bill Stenz hosted this meeting on Zoom. He called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

II. Minutes Approval: The October 2020 Minutes approved as submitted.

III. Financial Report: The balance at the end of September was \$28,416.13.

IV. President's Comments: Bill Stenz reminded the board of our previous intention to hold Board nominations and election of officers at our annual December gathering (typically held during our annual meeting in June, but deferred this year because of Covid.) Although we will not be able to meet in December, Bill said nominations for new board members are welcome and we can add new board members at the December Zoom meeting (there are 5 or more positions open). The officers have all agreed to remain in their positions until an election can be held in June, 2021.

V. Special Reports.

a. Crime Report. No police officers present. Bill Stenz mentioned that Peter Stone contacted him about fast moving traffic on 23 near the Triangle. Bill also pointed out the prevalence of speeding motorcycles on Eddy and adjacent streets. Beth Sanford said there were similar incidents near Kelly Park. Troy Warner commented that there is no real solution; chasing these offenders is dangerous and could cause more problems. Patty reported a few incidents of gunfire in the neighborhood east of Eddy.

b. Notre Dame report. Mike Hastings reported that there was a high number of Covid cases on campus. This could be attributed to the testing of 7,200 undergrads during the previous week. Before the students can leave campus for the holiday break, they are being exit tested. The semester wraps up on November 20th and students will not be returning to campus until late January. A few athletes and undergrad residents will remain on campus. Mike was asked if students would be allowed to return home if they tested positive. Mike replied that these students and their close contacts would be sent to quarantine housing. Mike also addressed community concern about the student storming of the field after N.D. defeated Clemson. He said that student tickets were revoked if they did not attend their assigned COVID testing time prior to the game. He also said the greater concern would be over the pre-game and post-game parties. Work on Eddy Street Phase III is active, and things are going well.

c. Food Pantry Report: Nan Tulchinsky reported that the Pantry received \$1,900 in donations during October. The new "meal in a bag" initiative at Sacred Heart Parish is going well with 20 bags collected on the first Sunday. She is working with Martin's to purchase 30

vouchers for 10 – 12 lb. turkeys to give to our 46617 clients. Another 8 – 10 turkeys have been dropped off and will be given to families outside of the 46617 area. 700 lbs of food was collected from IPorch with more expected during the coming weeks.

d. NNRO. Bill Stenz reported that the Fall Fun Event at Coquillard Park (sponsored by the NNRO) was well attended by families and children. John Butkovich and Beth Sanford expressed interest in working with the Affordable Housing committee on NNRO 2.0. Their offer awaits board approval at the upcoming meeting. NNRO 2.0 has completed a roofing project for an elderly homeowner on Sorin.

e. Firehouse Restoration. The Firehouse restoration is entering the landscaping and excavation phase with work beginning any day. The Historic Preservation Committee changed the parking plan as presented at our previous meeting because of objection to encroaching upon the park. Bill presented the new plan with parking off the circle behind the Firehouse. This includes two regular spaces and one handicapped space. This plan adheres to parking lot code. Additional street parking (especially for Pantry clients and staff) can be accessed on the east side of Notre Dame Avenue directly across from the Firehouse.

f. City of South Bend. Ryan Ryker introduced Dominique Edwards, the new Engagement Specialist working for the City. He reminded us that the Tend the Bend trailer is available for reservation by neighborhood organizations and that it comes fully equipped for clean up projects. City Engagement personnel are on hand to help. Ryan will share a link and further information.

VI. New Business. No new business

VII. Announcements. No announcements

VIII. Adjournment: 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary

Next Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting

December 14, 2020

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