

Minutes

Northeast Neighborhood Council, Inc.
803 N. Notre Dame Avenue
Monday, October 12, 2020

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

Partner: Mike Hastings

Excused: Marguerite Taylor, Jean Hanrahan, Mattie Hoover

Guests: Ryan Ryker (COSB), Robert Stanley

I. Bill Stenz hosted this meeting on Zoom. He called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Minutes Approval: The August and September 2020 Minutes approved as submitted.

III. Financial Report: Solomon reported the balance at the end of September was \$28,275.68. There was conversation about how some of this money could be used. John Butkovich inquired about the possibility of designating some of our treasury fund to the Firehouse renovation project. Bill explained that the NENC has contributed \$10,000 to the fund and that \$50,000 from fundraising is still available to spend on the project. Nan Tulchinsky emphasized the importance of keeping money designated to the Food Pantry secure. Bill assured Nan that most of our treasury is designated for the Pantry. It was suggested that we consider additional Food Pantry offerings with the onset of winter months. The NNRO continues to pay utilities. Our annual insurance bill was just paid.

IV. President's Comments: No comments

V. Special Reports.

a. Crime Report. No police officers present. Patty Walsh said there were a couple of gunshot incidents in the McKinley/Madison area. There were also officers on foot patrol.

b. Notre Dame report. Mike Hastings was happy to announce the addition of Trader Joes at the former Robinson Center site. He said there will be plenty of stand-alone parking available. Demolition of the old Robinson Center is planned within days of this meeting. Construction of Trader Joe's will probably move quickly on the east side of the site. Residential will be on the west side with another 6,500 square feet of retail to be determined. Notre Dame students will begin their long holiday break at Thanksgiving and will not return to campus until the end of January. There will be no Spring break and classes will wrap up by May 22nd.

c. Food Pantry Report: Nan Tulchinsky reported that the Pantry served 92 people three weeks prior to this meeting, 80 people two weeks prior and 93 people 1 week prior. She reminded us that the pantry is serving everyone who is seeking help, not just clients from our 46617 zip code. Nan also mentioned that the clients are respectful of social distance and masks are being worn. No one enters the pantry other than the volunteers. Clients place their order at the front window, the volunteers prepare the packages and set them in a container outside the back door.

d. NNRO. Bill Stenz encouraged attendance at the NNRO's Fall Fun Event on October 24th at Perley Park. The Affordable Housing Committee is looking at a home in dire need of basic

repair including a roof and water heater. It is occupied by an elderly woman in immediate need of help. John Butkovich asked to be involved with the Affordable Housing efforts.

e. Firehouse Restoration. Firehouse renovations continue with work on the front and back beginning very shortly. This will include tree removal and breaking up asphalt. The work will be coordinated with the Food Pantry schedule.

f. City of South Bend. Ryan Ryker reported that the city's 2020 ReLeaf schedule is set and he will send a copy to Patty for circulation. The Love Your Block Fall grants will be announced soon and the trailer will be made available to neighbors for fall neighborhood cleanup. The student raking program will not be held this year because an organizing facility is not available.

g. Zoning request for family development. The Rask family withdrew their application seeking to combine lots and create a compound. There is no further information available at this time.

VI. New Business.

- a. Ryan Ryker announced that the NRC is holding a Growing Healthy Neighborhoods seminar between October 19 and 24. It will be a series of Zoom presentations on several topics including Covid, Peace and Lifestyle. He will provide the registration information to Patty to circulate.

VII. Announcements.

- a. Kisha Hoover reported that she visited with Marguerite who is doing better.

VIII. Adjournment: 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary

Next Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
November 9, 2020
South Bend, IN 46617