

Minutes

Northeast Neighborhood Council, Inc.
803 N. Notre Dame Avenue
Monday, January 11, 2021

Attendance: Bill Stenz, President; Chuck Nelson, 2nd Vice President; Solomon Anderson, Treasurer; Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary; John Butkovich; Kisha Hoover; Gary King; Meleah Pustelak; Beth Sanford; Erin Shell; Robert Stanley; Nan Tulchinsky; Ella Williams

Excused: Marguerite Taylor, Jean Hanrahan, Mattie Hoover, Bill Berry, Alfreda Redding, Kem Meyer, LuElla Webster

Partner: Mike Hastings

Guests: Dominique Edwards, COSB; Ryan Ryker, COSB

- I. Bill Stenz hosted this meeting on Zoom. He called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.
- II. Minutes Approval: The December 2020 Minutes were approved as submitted.
- III. Financial Report: The balance at the end of December was \$36,310.32. Several donations have been received including \$6,000 from an anonymous donor through the Community Foundation. Bill Stenz suggested moving some of our money into a CD rather than keeping it all in a checking account. He asked the Board if we could move \$20,000 into a CD. A motion in favor was made, seconded and unanimously approved.
- IV. President's Comments No special comments.
- V. Special Reports.
 - a. Crime Report. No police officers present. No report.
 - b. Notre Dame report. Mike Hastings informed the group that the University (N.D.) dorms open on January 27th for a phased move-in. Classes begin on February 3rd. Eddy Street Phase III: vertical construction of Trader Joes is underway. There will be more information on the residential component of this project by March. Mike was asked if the entire footprint of the construction would be devoted to Trader Joes. Mike responded that 12,500 square feet would be occupied by Trader Joes with another 6,000 square feet to be determined for other commercial use. Mike also reported that the current tenants in Eddy Street Phase I and II are doing fairly well.
 - c. Food Pantry Report: Bill Stenz congratulated Nan on the great media coverage received on WNDU through her recent interview with Terry McFadden. Nan was pleased that the IPorch donors were featured. The new commercial refrigerator is now in place and in use. It has quadrupled the Pantry's refrigeration capacity. The City grant of \$350 has been approved. Photographs will be taken of the filled refrigerator interior and sent to the Acts of Kindness grant coordinator. Bill spoke to the Board about our relationship with the Food Bank which now requires a contractual relationship. There is a \$1,000 annual membership fee and \$500 annual purchase commitment. The Pantry has not made any purchases from the Food Bank since 2019. Meleah Pustelak commented that we have access to good quality, fresh food and have no need for the Food Bank offerings. Gary King moved that we decline to renew our relationship with the Food Bank for the next year. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. This decision will not affect our ability to reconsider our position in future years.

d. NNRO. Bill Stenz reported that the annual budget was formalized at the last meeting. He said that the Affordable Housing Committee met earlier in the day. The committee is seeking referrals of owner-occupied homes in the target area (between McKinley and Howard) that might need help. The committee is partnering with Real Services and Habitat. There was discussion about two lots in the Triangle (or other properties in area) designated “affordable” from losing that status if first owner sells at market rate. Establishment of a community land trust was advanced as one possible solution.

e. Firehouse Restoration. Bill Stenz reported that the concrete work in the parking area is completed. Chuck Nelson informed the board that the Judd Leighton Foundation donated \$10,000 to the Firehouse Fund.

f. Neighborhoods Council Listening Session. Dominique Edwards, COSB Neighborhood Engagement Specialist invited NENC representatives to join neighborhood representatives from around the city in a collaborative discussion with the Mayor and city representatives. The meeting is scheduled for January 26th and is a Zoom session. The registration link has been forwarded to the board.

g. City of South Bend. Ryan Ryker informed the board that he will be doing Economic Empowerment work with the city going forward. Dominique Edwards and an Americorps worker will now be attending our monthly meetings.

VI. New Business. No new business.

VII. Announcements. Patty Walsh passed along best wishes from Marguerite and the message that she misses everyone.

VIII. Adjournment: 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary

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February 8, 2021
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