

Minutes

Northeast Neighborhood Council, Inc.
803 N. Notre Dame Avenue
Monday, January 13, 2020

Attendance: Bill Stenz, President; Chuck Nelson, 2nd Vice President; Solomon Anderson, Treasurer; John Butkovich; Jean Hanrahan; Torrence Moody; Dan Presler; Beth Sanford; Erin Shell; Peter Stone; Nan Tulchinsky; LuElla Webster.

Partner: Mike Hastings

Guests: Sgt. Anthony Ierici, SBPD; Capt. J. Leszczynski, SBPD; Ryan Rucker, COSB; Elliot Rosen; Ann Rosen.

Excused: Gary King, Kem Meyer, Jeanne Ewing, Patty Walsh, Marguerite Taylor, Meleah Pustelak.

I. Call to Order 5:30 p.m. by Bill Stenz

II. Minutes Approval: The November 2019 Minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Financial Report: Solomon Anderson reported. The account balance at the end of December 2019 was \$26,920.16. There was an anonymous donation of \$6,000 through the Community Foundation.

IV. President's Comments: An NRC Open House is being held on Friday, January 17th between 4:30 and 7:00 pm at the DTSB office. It will feature a workshop for Engaging Youth Engaging Neighbors.

V. Special Reports.

a. Crime report. A homicide investigation concluded that the murder of the victim recently found in a neighborhood alley did not occur in the neighborhood. Residents are encouraged to call the police about any suspicious activities. The police are continuing their walking patrols.

b. Notre Dame report. Mike Hastings reported that construction of the new Robinson Center continues to move along smoothly. Eddy Street, north of Howard will be open to traffic this summer. The foundation for row homes near the new Robinson Center has been poured. Mike confirmed that Simply Pressed will be opening at Eddy Street Commons in the former Yats location. 5 units in the Northeast Building in Phase II ESC are available for retail or office space. A retail space across from Old National is available and there is no information yet about the vacated Kilwins location.

c. Food Pantry Report: In September, 58 households and 245 total individuals were served. Sgt. Ierici mentioned that Shop With A Cop received a huge donation of toys and may be able to collaborate with the Food Pantry. Elliot Rosen suggested potential collaboration with Unity Gardens.

d. NNRO. Two lots in the Triangle currently owned by the Housing Authority will hopefully be developed with moderate income homes. Moderate income homes are under construction on St. Louis and Hill Streets. Planning is in the works for Senior Housing (possibly 20 units) on Eddy St. between Cedar and Miner. Redevelopment east of Eddy Street is being considered. There will be potential movement this summer regarding the future of the current RCLC site. There is no update on the Charlie Hays development at the old 5 Points (the curve on Eddy and 23).

e. Firehouse Restoration. \$160,000 has been raised so far with focus on the building's exterior. There will be some budgeting for interior work.

f. Robinson Center 20th Anniversary Celebration. The event will be held on Friday, February 14th between 5:30pm and 7:00pm. Everyone is asked to share memories of their RCLC experiences for the occasion.

VI. New Business. The City of South Bend is looking for residents to volunteer as citizen members on numerous committees of the Common Council and other city departments. This includes an initiative for South Bend to be a "CDFI Friendly City."

VII. Announcements.

- a. LuElla gave an update on Marguerite. She is at Holy Cross Rehabilitation in the St. John unit. Her room is 1120 and her phone number is 247-4120. Prayers for Marguerite's son, Michael, who is in the hospital. She extended an invitation to the board to sit on Marguerite's pew at church.
- b. Ryan Ryker from the City of South Bend will follow up with Alkeyna Aldrich on Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) opportunities for resident engagement.
- c. "Love Your Block" has a trailer outfitted with equipment to clean up neighborhoods.
- d. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebrations were announced.

VIII. Adjournment: 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary
From notes submitted courtesy of Erin Shell

Next Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
February 10, 2020 5:30 p.m.
Northeast Neighborhood Center
803 N. Notre Dame Ave.
South Bend, IN 46617

Minutes

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

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

Excused: Marguerite Taylor, Mike Hastings, Mattie Hoover, Jean Hanrahan

Guests: Sgt. Tomar Thomas, SBPD; Capt. Joe Leszczynski, SBPD; Ryan Rycker, COSB.

I. Call to Order 5:35 p.m. by Bill Stenz

II. Minutes Approval: The January 2020 Minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Financial Report: Solomon Anderson reported. The account balance at the end of January 2020 was \$27,129.42.

IV. President's Comments: No comments.

V. Special Reports.

a. Crime report. Capt. Leszczynski and Sgt. Thomas were present and reported relative quiet in the area during the past month.

b. Notre Dame report. Mike Hastings was not able to attend.

c. Food Pantry Report: Nan Tulchinsky reported that 79 families and 328 people in total were served during January. Two IPorch groups have been very supportive of the Pantry. Harter Heights group brought in 400 lbs. of food. Purple Porch has provided large quantities of produce. These and other contributions have enabled the Pantry to provide our clients with more quality offerings which now include fresh milk, eggs and produce.

d. NNRO. Nothing new to report, next meeting scheduled a few days after this meeting, Bill anticipates there will be interesting new developments to report at our February meeting.

e. Firehouse Restoration. \$160,000 has been raised so far with focus on the building's exterior. Kem Meyer and John Butkovich suggested finding novel ways to further stimulate the fundraising effort.

f. Robinson Center 19th Anniversary Celebration celebrating 20 years of memories takes place at the Robinson Center on Friday, February 14th between 5:30pm and 7:00pm. This is the last anniversary celebration at the current site. LuElla said the mild winter has accelerated construction and anticipates that the new site will be occupied in July or August with the dedication in September. The new center will have 13,000 square feet (the current center is 8,600 square feet).

VI. New Business. Ryan Ryker from The City of South Bend attended and spoke briefly about "CDFI South Bend" (Community Development Financial Institution). This initiative is designed to provide economic empowerment for entrepreneurial and traditional business and non-profit ventures. Sonja Karnovsky will be the point of contact. Ryan also spoke about the Love Your Block program which invites neighborhood groups to apply for a community transformation mini-grant up to \$1,000 for various neighborhood improvement projects. Applications can be obtained at the Charles Martin Youth Center starting March 2nd. A "Tend the Bend" trailer is available for neighborhood cleanups and block parties. It provides mowers and other tools along

with trash bags, a grill and \$150 for a neighborhood block party. Beginning March 2nd, neighborhood organizations will have access to the trailer. After June 15th, the public may apply for projects throughout the city. LuElla volunteered to be project coordinator for the Northeast Neighborhood. Ryan will send Patty a pdf file of the project flyers to circulate to board members.

VII. Announcements.

- a. LuElla told the group that Marguerite will be coming home on February 11th and hopes to be fully recovered in 3 months.

VIII. Adjournment: 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary

Next Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
March 9, 2020 5:30 p.m.
Northeast Neighborhood Center
803 N. Notre Dame Ave.
South Bend, IN 46617

Minutes

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

Attendance: Chuck Nelson, 2nd Vice President; Solomon Anderson, Treasurer; Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary; Kisha Hoover; Dan Presler; Beth Sanford; Erin Shell; Nan Tulchinsky; LuElla Webster.

Partner: Mike Hastings

Excused: Bill Berry, Jean Hanrahan, Mattie Hoover, Gary King, Kem Meyer, Meleah Pustelak, Bill Stenz, Peter Stone, Ella Williams

Guests: Ian Salzman, COSB.

- I. Call to Order 5:35 p.m. by Chuck Nelson who moderated meeting in Bill Stenz's absence.
- II. Minutes Approval: The February 2020 Minutes were approved as submitted.
- III. Financial Report: Solomon Anderson reported. The account balance at the end of February 2020 was \$26,552.68.
- IV. President's Comments: No comments.
- V. Special Reports.
 - a. Crime Report. No police officers present. Erin Shell reported shots fired in her area sporadically during the month.
 - b. Notre Dame report. Mike Hastings reported that Eddy Street Commons Phase II is moving along on schedule and the full road opening of Eddy Street is anticipated to take place this summer. Construction of the Quigley Place townhomes (located on the north side of the new Robinson Center) is underway. Five of the seven units at Quigley Place are reserved for ownership. Eddy Street Phase III is still in the planning stage with Kite Realty and the NNRO collaborating on a site plan for the old Robinson Center and surrounding property. The goal is a grocer anchored, mixed use development which will include 18,000 total square feet of retail with some residential. Charlie Hayes will be developing the N.E. corner of Corby and 23 while there is a pending project for construction of a bank just south of the existing Robinson Center property.
 - c. Food Pantry Report: Nan Tulchinsky reported that 36 families, 54 clients and a total of 177 people were served during the month of February. The Pantry is keeping up with the demand and enjoys the continuing support of Harter Heights and Granger IPorch groups.
 - d. NNRO. An unofficial NNRO meeting is being held with non-voting members this month. The focus is now turning to the area going south on Eddy and east to Twyckenham. The first objective is to address housing and vacant lots in that area. The hope is to encourage small businesses and entrepreneurs to provide employment for neighbors living in the area which would support housing and avoid gentrification. John Butkovich suggested connecting with Habitat in this effort where mortgages and mortgage payments could be worked out between homeowners and Habitat.
 - e. Firehouse Restoration. The fund remains at \$160,000. Work will begin on the exterior and there will be a new fundraising event in the Spring after a few renovations have been made.

f. Robinson Center 19th Anniversary Celebration was held on Valentines Day. LuElla thanked all who attended and supported this successful event. 250 reflections on relationships with the Center and staff were received and each one is posted at the Robinson Center. LuElla encouraged everyone to visit and browse.

g. Back The Bend. Scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. Projects and bus trip were moved forward by one hour to accommodate students participating in the Fischer Regatta on Notre Dame campus. Projects are to be announced. The bus trip will include a visit to the historic St. Paul's Memorial United Methodist Church on LaPorte and Colfax and the new Howard Park. (as of this writing, Back the Bend is postponed due to Corona Virus concerns).

VI. New Business. Ian Salzman from the Dept. of Community Investment, COSB, attended to update the board on new neighborhood initiatives city-wide: Love Your Block, Tend the Bend and CDFI. Service coordinator training for Love Your Block is scheduled for March 21st. LuElla volunteered to be service coordinator for the Northeast Neighborhood. Mini neighborhood grant applications are available at the Charles Martin Youth Center. The Tend the Bend trailer includes a host of cleanup tools and a grill along with \$150 to hold a neighborhood block party. It can be reserved through Code Enforcement. Ian also informed us that the NRC will be compiling a periodic neighborhood report based upon submissions from the various neighborhood meetings held each month around the city. Ian requested contact information for the NENC board members which Patty will forward. Chuck Nelson mentioned that he received an email from Sonja Karnovsky on progress with the Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). A Board of Directors is now in place and they are in the process of recruiting an Executive Director (a salaried position). Chuck asked to be contacted if we know of any prospects.

VII. Announcements.

a. LuElla reported that Marguerite is doing well at home as she continues to recover.

VIII. Adjournment: 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary

Next Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
To Be Announced
Northeast Neighborhood Center
803 N. Notre Dame Ave.
South Bend, IN 46617

Minutes

Northeast Neighborhood Council, Inc.
803 N. Notre Dame Avenue
Monday, May 11, 2020

Attendance: Bill Stenz, President; Solomon Anderson, Treasurer; Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary; Bill Berry; John Butkovich; Gary King; Beth Sanford; Erin Shell; Nan Tulchinsky.

Partner: Mike Hastings

Guest: Ryan Ryker, COSB

I. This meeting was held on Zoom due to Covid-19. Bill welcomed participants at 5:30 p.m.

II. Minutes Approval: The March 2020 Minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Financial Report: Solomon Anderson reported. The account balance at the end of March 2020 was \$27,999.73. A \$400 check issued to Cultivate in January has not yet been cashed.

IV. President's Comments: Bill informed the board that Elizabeth Leachman of South Bend Heritage, is helping revive the Northeast Neighborhood website. The city is offering grant money to provide a 1-year subscription to a Zoom account to facilitate neighborhood association meetings; Bill submitted the NENC application. Bill also informed us that Corby Laundromat and Approved Safety are closed and everything on their properties going to Auction on Friday, May 15th.

V. Special Reports.

a. Crime Report. No police officers present. Erin and Patty reported multiple gunshot incidents at McKinley and Arthur. The police designated the area a hotspot. Beth Sanford reported a neighbor's car stolen at St. Peter/St. Vincent Streets. It was later recovered in bad condition at Park Jefferson. There was a stabbing on the 1200 block of Madison Street determined by police to be self-defense.

b. Notre Dame report. Mike Hastings provided a University of Notre Dame update on campus plans. The first session of summer school was cancelled. Plans for the second session to be announced on May 15th. The decision for Fall classes to be announced no later than June 15th. Notre Dame provides up-to-date details on its Corona Virus website. Eddy Street Commons Phase III plans are moving forward. The current site of the Robinson Center/Corby Laundromat/Approved Safety will soon be cleared and redeveloped to a mixed-use site anchored by a grocer and including townhomes. There is no formal agreement in place yet with a grocer. The new Robinson Center is nearing completion with move-in to be scheduled shortly. Eddy Street will re-open north of Howard Street this summer.

c. Food Pantry Report: Nan Tulchinsky reported that the Pantry has been extremely busy due to demand created by the pandemic. Nan, Jim Kapsa and Meleah Pustelak have been running the Pantry without additional assistance because most of the Senior volunteers are isolating. A tremendous amount of food has been provided by the Harter Heights IPorch and the Granger IPorch. A pig was donated which Martins weighed, wrapped and froze in family portions. There is a new IPorch group started by some St. Joe High students. Nan said the Pantry is providing the best food selection in the city with a balance fresh produce, dairy and meat. In this time of need, the pantry is open to anyone in the city for one-time emergency distribution. Those clients are then directed to other available assistance. Solomon asked

what safety measures were in place. Nan replied that they have implemented a no contact policy with only the 3 volunteers allowed in the Pantry. The Pantry always remains locked to keep the staff healthy. Clients stop at the hallway window, one at a time, where Nan presents list of offerings. Jim and Meleah then pack the orders and set in a container outside for client pick up. Also, new food arriving at the Pantry sits on tables for 3 days before being added to inventory. In March, there were 13 emergencies, 2 new clients, 68 households and 300 people served. In April, there were 28 emergencies, 2 new clients, 78 households and 333 people served. Many monetary donations have been received.

d. NNRO. A comprehensive packet of information is under review regarding redevelopment plans along Eddy Street between South Bend Clinic and Howard Including the residential area directly east of Eddy. Included among the plans are proposed Senior housing with 24 units between Sorin and Cedar on the east side of Eddy, new housing or renovation for existing housing, and a component for neighborhood health and well-being with possible partnership with South Bend Clinic. The building under construction on the east side of Eddy & Howard is a Charlie Hayes project which will be mostly residential with commercial space on the first floor. A bank will be constructed just north of the First A.M.E. Zion Church.

e. Firehouse Restoration. Bill circulated via email and displayed the site plan for the restoration project. The board examined the parking and loading zone for safety and efficiency concerns. The entrance to the building will include new landscaping and new concrete creating a flat surface. The trash cans will be moved to the south side of the building in back.

VI. New Business. Ryan Ryker from the Dept. of Community Investment, COSB, announced changes to the Love Your Block grant program due to the pandemic. The grants will be designated for Acts of Kindness and open to any group in the city doing relief efforts.

VII. Announcements. No announcements

VIII. Adjournment: 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary

Next Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
To Be Announced
South Bend, IN 46617

Minutes

Northeast Neighborhood Council, Inc.
803 N. Notre Dame Avenue
Monday, June 8, 2020

Attendance: Bill Stenz, President; Chuck Nelson, Second Vice President; Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary; John Butkovich; Kisha Hoover; Kem Meyer; Dan Presler; Erin Shell; Nan Tulchinsky.

Partner: Mike Hastings

Guest: Ryan Ryker, COSB; Robert Stanley, Todd Taylor

Excused: Marguerite Taylor, LuElla Webster, Jean Hanrahan, Mattie Hoover

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

II. Minutes Approval: The May 2020 Minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Financial Report: No report.

IV. President's Comments: This meeting would normally be the NENC Annual Meeting which is attended by many community members in addition to the Board. This is the meeting where we elect our officers, nominate new board members, review the past year activities and present the Monk Malloy Award for outstanding community service. This year, the annual meeting will be delayed until our December 2020 Christmas gathering when we hope we can get together as a group. The current officers will continue to serve until then: President – Bill Stenz, 1st Vice President - Marguerite Taylor; 2nd Vice President – Chuck Nelson, Treasurer – Solomon Anderson, Recording Secretary – Patty Walsh, Corresponding Secretary – Bill Berry. We will continue to meet on Zoom for the foreseeable future.

V. Special Reports.

a. Crime Report. No police officers present. Erin Shell reported that the police continue to focus on the McKinley-Madison-Arthur Street area.

b. Notre Dame report. Mike Hastings reported that the new Robinson Center is about to officially open. There will be a community celebration when appropriate to hold one. He informed the board that Eddy Street will be fully open by mid-July. Regarding the University; Notre Dame will officially open on August 10th with some students arriving on August 3rd. There are robust plans in the works to keep campus safe and to welcome the students.

c. Food Pantry Report: Nan Tulchinsky reported that the Pantry served a total of 292 people in May. This includes 89 households, 20 emergencies and 3 new neighborhood families. 650 pounds of food was collected from the Harter Heights IPorch group including 12 bottles of much needed laundry detergent from 1 donor. Purple Porch has helped by providing potatoes, onions and green beans. Nan emphasized the need for personal hygiene items such as body soap, hand soap and shampoo.

d. NNRO. Bill Stenz reported that NNRO 2.0 will be finalized at the upcoming meeting on June 10. 2.0 will address central Eddy Street and the area east of Eddy Street. An important component will be the health and wellbeing of residents. Oaklawn and the South Bend Clinic will participate in this effort.

e. Firehouse Restoration. Bill announced that extensive work would be underway within a few days of this meeting.

f. City of South Bend. Ryan Ryker attended and announced that the Department of Community Investment is introducing a lead abatement grant to remediate low income homes built before 1980. Two members of the lead abatement team will attend our next meeting to explain the program and how to apply. Ryan said the Zoom grant applications are being processed during June.

VI. New Business.

- a. John Butkovich mentioned that the area near the fence behind the Neighborhood Center was not tended. Bill will investigate that.
- b. Patty asked about potential of holding the annual Back to School Picnic. Bill said if we do hold it, the location will be Kelly Park. There are no active plans now.

VII. Announcements. No announcements

VIII. Adjournment: 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary

Next Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
July 13, 2020
Zoom
South Bend, IN 46617

Minutes

Northeast Neighborhood Council, Inc.
803 N. Notre Dame Avenue
Monday, July 13, 2020

Attendance: Bill Stenz, President; Chuck Nelson, Second Vice President; Solomon Anderson, Treasurer; Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary; John Butkovich; Kisha Hoover; Meleah Pustalak; Beth Sanford; Erin Shell; Nan Tulchinsky, Ella Williams

Partner: Mike Hastings

Excused: Marguerite Taylor, LuElla Webster, Jean Hanrahan, Mattie Hoover

- I. Bill Stenz hosted this meeting on Zoom. He called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Minutes Approval: The June 2020 Minutes were approved as submitted.
- III. Financial Report: Balance at the end of June was \$29,378.59. Donations were received from Margaret and Karl King and OneHope Winery in Napa Valley, California.
- IV. President's Comments: No comments.
- V. Special Reports.
 - a. Crime Report. No police officers present. Erin Shell informed the board that Officer Ream (2nd shift) says the area has been generally quiet. However, early morning prior to this meeting, there was a shooting on Notre Dame and Corby Avenues. The victim was shot in the leg. Ella Williams mentioned that young people are still hanging out at the McKinley Ave. house where a 17-year-old was shot and killed in May.
 - b. Notre Dame report. Mike Hastings reported that Notre Dame will be welcoming students back to begin classes on August 10th. The Robinson Center will be safely starting some programs in August. Demolition of the old Robinson Center and adjacent buildings is delayed for a short time until a contractor agreement is reached. The green space near Brothers will be developed as a park (conceptually a dog park). A playground for young children will be installed on the southeast corner of the new Robinson Center property. A South Bend Police Dept. substation will soon be opening near Brothers on Eddy Street. Cunningham Restaurant Group is transitioning the Livery Restaurant at Eddy Street Commons to its BRU Burger Bar concept. The restaurant is expected to open in August.
 - c. Food Pantry Report: Nan Tulchinsky reported that things are going well at the Pantry with all clients being served regardless of where they live. 261 people were served during June. The staff (Nan, Jim Kapsa and Meleah Pustalak) keeps the Pantry meticulously clean and strictly adheres to minimal contact and social distancing. Fresh salads are now provided from Green Bridge, a local farm worked by young people on the autism spectrum. They harvest, package and deliver the salads the same day they are ordered. Purple Porch provides onions, green beans, tomatoes etc. Individual families are also contributing produce from their gardens.
 - d. NNRO. Bill Stenz reported that NNRO 2.0 was approved at the July 8th meeting. It is a 20-page document outlining the next 1 – 5 years of community development along and east of Eddy Street and south of Howard. Four major committees have been created: Resident Wellness, Partnerships (stakeholders), Affordable Housing and Economic Empowerment. The document will be sent to the board as soon as it is available.

e. Firehouse Restoration. Work is now underway on the building's exterior; the board was encouraged to drive by and take a look.

f. City of South Bend. No report.

g. Fredrickson Commons Development. The site plan for this project was forwarded to the Board prior to the meeting. It includes 35 lots and will feature mostly townhomes with some single-family houses similar to the homes on the north side of the Firehouse (community center).

VI. New Business.

a. Neighbors who want to attend the NENC meetings can sign in through the link. Let Bill Stenz know who will be joining in advance so he can sign them in.

b. Tom Mustillo, the neighbor on the south side of the old Pandora's building, continues to pursue his case after the Indiana State Supreme Court ruled that he has standing to sue.

VII. Announcements. No announcements

VIII. Adjournment: 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary

Next Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
August 10, 2020
Zoom
South Bend, IN 46617

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

Minutes

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

Attendance: Bill Stenz, President; Solomon Anderson, Treasurer; Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary; Beth Sanford; Nan Tulchinsky; Ella Williams.

Partner: Mike Hastings

Excused: Marguerite Taylor, Jean Hanrahan, Mattie Hoover, Kem Meyer, Erin Shell

Guests: Troy Warner, Robert Stanley

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

II. Minutes Approval: Approval of the August, 2020 Minutes deferred to October meeting because forum not present.

III. Financial Report: Solomon reported the balance at the end of August was \$29,337.27. The NENC Certificate of Deposit was due on September 3rd. Solomon rolled it into an 8-month special at .35%. The current value is \$23,908.14. It was mentioned that the board should consider spending some of the fund on a worthy program.

IV. President's Comments: Bill informed the board that a petty cash account for the Food Pantry will be opened. Nan Tulchinsky requested this for purchase from certain providers who prefer cash transactions. Insurance is due later in the month (approx. \$600.00). Bill talked about the possibility of a controlled Facebook presence for the NENC. Elizabeth Leachman of South Bend Heritage has offered her assistance and is looking for volunteers from the NENC. Robert Stanley, attendee at this meeting, volunteered to help.

V. Special Reports.

a. Crime Report. No police officers present. Troy Warner, our councilman, filled us in on activity at Coquillard Park which has been the site of crowd gatherings, drag racing and "hanging out." Police have stepped up their patrols in the area and a police car has been parked on Campeau just west of Walsh. Officer Keenan Lane told Troy that they may be parking a car by the park on weekends in the foreseeable future. There has also been a proposal to install "No Parking After Dark" signs on the north side of the park.

b. Notre Dame report. Mike Hastings reported that Eddy Street Phase III is in progress. Demolition at the old Robinson Center site will commence soon and he will communicate with the NENC when that activity begins. Meanwhile, infrastructure work has begun. He is unable to announce tenants at the new, mixed-use development planned for that site. Mike also reported the number of current active Covid cases at Notre Dame was 48. The first home football weekend was considered a success with good student cooperation.

c. Food Pantry Report: Nan Tulchinsky reported that the Pantry received a perfect inspection report from the St. Joseph County Health Department. The Pantry is going through a lot of food with 285 people served in August including 79 families. In the past week alone, 80 people were served. She has received many comments on how beautiful the outside of the building looks as it undergoes renovation. She reported that air conditioning is working well after a difficult summer.

d. NNRO. Bill Stenz reported that the four committees working on NNRO 2.0 each recently met for the first time. As they get their bearings, the Affordable Housing Committee is

committed to identifying owner-occupied homes in dire need of repair assistance in the 2.0 area. The committee is also working on an affordable housing plan using a community land trust to allow these homes to re-sell at affordable rates rather than market rates. The Wellness Committee plans to meet the first week of October. A committee to nominate NNRO officers will meet in October. Lisa Wine, CFO of the South Bend Clinic, will step into Tim Sexton's position as President of the Board. Tim will remain active on the executive committee.

e. Firehouse Restoration. Bill Stenz showed the board the latest site plan which included a revised parking plan on the south side of the building. The existing drive will be expanded to the south to accommodate 3 parking spaces, including a handicapped spot. These spaces will be angled to the east. Approaching vehicles can enter the drive, circle around behind the building and pull into the spaces. Upon departure, they will back out and face the street. Beth Sanford inquired about parking overlap with the second-floor law tenant and clients. Bill said that we will be picking up one additional parking space on the street which will help with the overlap.

f. City of South Bend. No report. Ryan Ryker not present.

g. Zoning request for family development. Bill Stenz did a screen share of the Rask family compound site plan that was presented to the BZA. It differed from the initial plan made available to the neighborhood. The plan includes demolition of two homes (suitable for restoration), combining the two nicely sized lots into one and the construction of one very large home on the combined property leaving a 33' lot which would not be appropriate size for development in the future. The zoning overlay allows a maximum of 70' frontage and the Rask plan would include 100 feet of frontage including 33 feet of the southern area proposed for no use. The plan also included a carved out area at the single car garage, to house a power station to serve 3 houses. The BZA could not vote on this plan during September because it needed a 3 of 5 vote and only 3 members were present, voting 2-1 "for." Bill expressed great concern that allowing buildable lots to be combined for large, expensive homes would set a bad precedent in the neighborhood, resulting in rising land prices and a market unaffordable for most. He is worried that double lots in the neighborhood may be hoarded and later sold at inflated prices. The two lots in the Rask development sold for \$400,000. He stated that this not only sets the stage for gentrification, it goes against the existing zoning overlay. Bill will distribute the BZA materials, when available, at the end of the month.

VI. New Business. No new business.

VII. Announcements. No announcements

VIII. Adjournment: 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary

Next Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
October, 12, 2020
South Bend, IN 46617

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

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82194190012>

Minutes

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

Attendance: Bill Stenz, President; Chuck Nelson, 2nd 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 21st. 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

Next Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting
January 11, 2021
Join Zoom Meeting
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