

Minutes

Northeast Neighborhood Council, Inc.
803 N. Notre Dame Avenue
Monday, July 8, 2024

Attendance: Bill Stenz, President; Marguerite Taylor, 1st Vice President; Kisha Hoover, Treasurer; Patty Walsh, Secretary; Solomon Anderson; Beth Sanford; Erin Shell; Nan Tulchinsky; LuElla Webster.

Partner: Gwen O'Brien (Director of Community Relations, UND),

Guests: James Randolph (Holladay Properties), Officer Brian Meador (SBPD), Carl Hetler (Homelessness Coordinator, COSB), Leigh Hayden (UND DPAC), Lou Weber

I. Bill Stenz hosted this meeting on Zoom. He called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. **Minutes Approval:** Approval of June and July minutes deferred to August meeting, quorum not present.

III. **President's Comments:** Bill expressed the need to form a nominating committee for the recruitment of new board members.

IV. **Financial Report:** Kisha reported. The Notre Dame Credit Union statement was not yet received. The First Source account balance at the end of June was \$29,000. Deposits were \$9,000, \$4,500 was withdrawn. There was a \$5,000 donation to the Food Pantry and the donor asked that \$1,000 of that amount be designated for Food Pantry emergencies.

V. Special Reports

- a. Crime Report. Officer Brian Meador attended and introduced himself. He is in charge of 2nd shift patrols on the East Side of South Bend. In response to Patty's report of repeated crowd gatherings and shots fired in the Madison/Walsh/Mckinley area, he provided a detailed explanation of how crime and nuisance properties are identified and eventually handled by law enforcement. For a property to be designated a "nuisance", the police look at call volume. If there are 3 verified complaints in a 60-day period, the property owner receives a warning. If there are 5 or more verified complaints, the property owner is subject to fines. Currently, there are 6 properties with this designation in the city. Unfortunately, the state-wide "open carry" law restricts how police can manage those with weapons. Officer Meador also encouraged homeowners and businesses with outdoor cameras to register with the Real Time Crime Center. In the event of a disturbance, the police can set up a "geo-fence" around that area and owners of registered cameras can be contacted by the police to check their cameras for potential footage. If they choose to share that footage, they can download to the Real Time Crime Center. The camera owner is under no obligation to share footage and the police have no access to the camera recordings unless released by the owner. Businesses and non-profits can now apply for a grant up to \$4,500 to help set up their camera and lighting security systems. The requirement is that the business or non-profits invest in their core system or have an existing core system. The Business Security Grant Application can be accessed through the SBPD website: <https://southbend.in.gov/sync-south-bend-security-grant>.
- b. Notre Dame report. Gwen O'Brien reported. Sometime within the next few months, progress will begin on an apartment complex on the northeast corner of 933 and Douglas. Work on the Urban Trail (connecting Notre Dame to Downtown South Bend) continues with the South Bend Avenue portion going fast, progress on the Notre Dame Avenue portion is a bit behind because they are working with NIPSCO to identify the gas lines. Father "Bob" Dowd will be inaugurated on September 13th. Gwen said we will find him very approachable, and he will focus even more on community engagement. During the week following, Notre Dame will partner with Habitat on an "inauguration build" which involves the construction of 5 homes on Harrison Street.

- c. Food Pantry Report. Bill reported. \$5,000 was anonymously donated by an involved person. \$1,000 of this amount has been earmarked for emergencies such as gift cards for gas. Recently, Nan provided a gas card to a Pantry client who was not feeling well. Nan gave her a gas card so she could get to the emergency room. Weeks later, that client visited Nan at the Pantry to tell her that gas card saved her life. She had a stroke.
- d. Holladay Properties. James Randolph reported on 5-Corners activity. He informed the group that there would be concrete pour early in the morning on Thursday, July 13th. Framing scheduled within the following two weeks.
- e. NNRO. Bill reported on the Home Repair program. The roof on the 1200 block of E. Corby is finished after completing structural work. The homeowner at 823 Miner was cited by the city for tree removal. The Home Repair program is looking into taking care of that. The CLT home at 719 Turnock will be closing very soon. This is the first CLT home to be occupied in South Bend. Kisha reported that the Resident Wellness committee is focusing on getting neighborhood seniors active. A fall festival is being planned, perhaps to piggyback with the annual neighborhood picnic.
- f. NDSB Urban Trail. No update.
- g. Quigley Park, Ignite Grant. The city is working with the NNRO to hand over their portion of the park to the NNRO. Funds from the past sale of the Daisy Hall pocket park will be transferred to the NENC and those funds will be designated for Quigley Park improvements. The Ignite Grant allows 1 ½ years for completion of the grant project which includes signage and fencing on the park's west side.
- h. COSB. Carl Hetler, Homelessness Coordinator for the City of South Bend introduced himself. This is his 2nd year in the position. He is former pastor at Broadway Christian which taught him a lot about the people in need and various agencies and support services in our community. He encourages communication about places where homeless individuals might rest so he get them the resources they might need. He encouraged us to visit the link on the City website to learn more about resources in the city. We can also follow up with Carl through that website: <https://southbend.in.gov/department/community-investment/homelessness/>.
- i. East Side Reunion. The reunion will be held the last weekend of July. It is open to all. This is the 20th anniversary of the East Side Reunion. LuElla explained all of the expenses required by the event. Safety is the first priority. Marguerite motioned that the Board approve a \$1,000 donation from the NENC to help cover expenses. The motion was seconded and the board unanimously approved.
- j. Turnock Street Development. Land is being prepared for the upcoming construction of the CLT development. Bill suggested forming a sub-committee to address traffic concerns on Turnock with the city.

VI. Open to the Community

VII. Announcements: no announcements.

VIII. Adjournment: 6:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Patty Walsh, Recording Secretary

Next Northeast Neighborhood Council Meeting

August 12, 2024 5:30 pm

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