

NESCO Board Meeting – June 25, 2013

Present:

Arsenal Heights: John Houser	John Houser
Bosart Brown: Mark Saetre	Mark Saetre
Brookside: Mary Jones	
Cottage Home: Dan Doll	Dan Doll
Emerson Heights: Rebecca Seifert	
Englewood: Brent Aldrich	Brent Aldrich
Fletcher-Lippincott: no representative	
Forest Manor: no representative	
Grace Tuxedo: no representative	
Holy Cross:	Kelly Wensing
Little Flower: no representative	
Otterbein: no representative	
RMS10: Pat Paff	Pat Paff
Spades Park: Marsha Burkhardt	Marsha Burkhardt
Springdale: Jerry Shepard	Jerry Shephard
St. Clair Place:	Stephen Ball
TEAR/United: Teresa Sutton	
Willard Park: Zach Adamson	
Windsor Park: Chuck Coleman	Chuck Coleman
Woodruff Place: Rick Van Dyke	
At-Large: Sue Switzer	Sue Switzer
At-Large: Chris Staab	Chris Staab
At-Large: Ruth Shaw	Ruth Shaw
At-Large: Ken Holyoak	Ken Holyoak
At-Large: Matt Belsaas	Matt Belsaas
At-Large: Karen Celestino-Horseman	

Guests include:

- Robert Shaw – Springdale, Megan Fetter – Community Builder, Shaun Somerville. Jen Higgenbotham and David Hedrick –Windsor Park.

I. Welcome & Introduction

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Kelly Wensing invited those present to introduce themselves.

II. **Public Comments** –Robert Shaw spoke regarding setting up an Enterprise Zone along Massachusetts to encourage businesses by providing tax benefits. Kelly Wensing stated that this would go under Ken Holyoak’s committee. Ken collected names of volunteers. David Hedrick spoke regarding Windsor Park involvement in the Feast of Lanterns. Windsor Park is considering having a beer garden to raise funds for the neighborhood. Concerns were inebriated persons wandering over to the FOL. Another concern was whether there would be a percentage or dollar amount paid to either NESCO or the FOL. David related that Windsor Park has had two block parties that included the sale of alcohol that did not incur any problems. Windsor Park has the insurance. It was brought to the attention of the Board that Windsor Park did not technically need the authorization from NESCO to go ahead with the beer garden at the corner of Windsor and Commerce with a capacity of 40 people. There was a question about rest room facilities. Windsor Park will not have restrooms. The fee for the restrooms at the FOL could be shared by Windsor Park. Speed limits and cross walk from Windsor St. to Brookside were concerns.

Dan Doll suggested we take a vote to support the Windsor Park beer garden. Chris Staab was concerned that the beer garden would take away volunteers from the FOL. Ken Holyoak moved that NESCO approve the Windsor Park petition to run the beer garden. Dan Doll wished to amend to reflect that NESCO board support Windsor park desire to run a beer garden. Chuck Coleman. The motion passed with 1 negative and 1 abstention.

III. **Dan Forestal** gave an end of legislative session wrap up. It was his first session. He was able to pass a bill regarding men and women who serve overseas. They can now go back to work immediately as EMT's and paramedics rather than wait. Dan Co- authored the mass transit bill which is still in committee. Senate Bill 433 that includes the language on graffiti. No one will be punished if going in and covering up graffiti. Squatters in abandoned can now be prosecuted. Robert Shaw is concerned that trained military personnel do not get college credit for their training. Police officers also do not get credit.

IV. Guests:

- **Indy Connect – Jen Higginbotham** provided a presentation on Indy Connect and its partnership with Indygo and CERTA and MPO. A ten year phase one plan has been developed wherein doubling local bus service, frequency of buses and more express buses and community circulators are the goals. Adding five rapid transit lines is on the agenda. Reasons for doing this - Many people have a hard time getting to their jobs by bus or do not have bus service to the places of employment.
 - a. Studying three rapid transit bus/light rail lines. The Red and Blues lines are dedicated service without having to change the infrastructure like a light rail transit would. Level boarding, tickets sales at local stations rather than on the bus itself. Comfort of the bus stations in inclement weather is another plus. Stop options are still being considered and logistics for working along the old rail lines along the Green Line. Bus rapid transit will be on the Red and Blue bus lines. The Transit Center is on Washington by the City County Building. Boarding on the rapid transit would be a matter of seconds rather than minutes. What kind of amenities would be available at the stations are being considered.
 - b. David Hedrick recommended that the bus line end at Monon and 10th St. rather than continue downtown.
- **Indy Do Day – Megan Fetter**

Megan described the events as a grassroots group of volunteers from OCT 10-12th getting out and volunteering for the community. The goal is to have 100,000 strong. Indy Do wants both businesses and individuals. The website is Indydoday.com. The website coordinates needs with volunteers. It provides large businesses to connect with individuals or groups of individuals. At the NESCO website people can submit tasks that they want accomplished so that these can be coordinated for the sake of efficiency and then presented collectively to Indydoday.com. David Hedrick stated that Windsor Park has benefited from these projects the past two years. NESCO should run this as a test pilot to continue in the future.

V. Updates & Call to Action

- NESCO Website – Kelly Wensing gave a presentation on how to use the NESCOcommunity.org website calendar and how to submit events. These events are submitted for approval. Facebook info is included for each of the NESCO neighborhoods. Neighborhood presidents should be made aware of the site to add pictures, info, etc.
- NESCO games: Kelly gave an update on the NESCO Games. Englewood won the gold.

Treasury Report: \$2072.45 in the two accounts.

President report: Velocity report is available regarding info about extending the borders of what is considered downtown.

Brent Aldrich gave brief update on Bike infrastructure

Sue Switzer provided a report on the Youth Engagement activities for the Feast of Lanterns.

A sculpture competition for a sculpture to be erected Windsor Park is being held.

Dan passed out sponsor forms for the Arsenal Tech 5k.

September 5th is the next Summit Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

Next Meeting 07/23/2013 at 6:30 at the Chase Legacy Center.