

NESCO Board Meeting – 28 April 2015

The meeting of the NESCO Board on April 28th opened at 6:25pm.

Bosart Brown: N/A	-
Brookside:	Tommy Reddicks
Cottage Home: N/A	
Emerson Heights:	Rebecca Seifert
Englewood: Brent Aldrich	
Grace Tuxedo: no representative	n/a
Holy Cross:	Kelly Wensing
Little Flower:	Dan Goldblatt/ Sarah Tague
NoBO:	Aaron Stites
Otterbein: no representative	n/a
Rivoli Park:	Pat Paff
Spades Park: Marsha Burkhardt	
Springdale:	Shirley Musgrove
St. Clair Place:	Stephen Ball
TEAR/United: no representative	n/a
Willard Park: n/a	
Windsor Park:	Mark Schroeder
Woodruff Place:	Matt Belsaas
At-Large:	Chris Staab
At-Large:	Ruth Shaw
At-Large:	Ken Holyoak
At-Large:	

Guests Include:

Jim Bowden, Rivoli Theater

Josh Bowling, Englewood

I. Welcome & Introductions

Rebecca unveiled the NESCO legends plaque. It will be hung at the Boner Center. Each year we will add names to the plaque of people who have contributed significantly to the betterment of the east side.

II. Board business

Bike Rodeo – Chris Staab

Chris advised the board that the Bike Rodeo is still in an organizational phase and they are trying to work out details with East 10th Civic Assoc. They are planning to have an initial meeting May 5th or 6th at 5:30pm. They have secured location at School 54 as long as the event is held before July 30th.

Indy Cog, DPW, NEAR, East 10th Civic, IMPD, and everyone else seems to be on board. Chris is still seeking someone to take the lead on this project as he has never attended a bike rodeo. Currently, this is not a NESCO event for 2015, so Chris wants to keep it small and confined to the near east side. They have location, a few bikes, and partners – all that is needed is a project lead to assemble the pieces.

Approval of the March 2015 Minutes

Ken Holyoak motioned to approve the March minutes as presented. Ruth Shaw seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with everyone voting.

Treasurer Report – Matt Belsaas

Matt advised that because it is the April meeting, we are seeing March numbers reflected on the report. NESCO has not received the \$1500 check from Ivy Tech for their sponsorship at Pi Day. Rebecca advised that she will ask Zach to follow up with the contact person from Ivy Tech. There were two outgoing expenses on the report -- reimbursements made to Zach from Pi Day and to Rebecca from NESCO Congress. NEAR also owes money to NESCO from NESCO Congress.

Ken had question about the trust – Matt advised that numbers are not reconciled. There is a significant amount in the Englewood account that needs to be moved over to NESCO. The numbers on the report are what is currently accurate, but monies need to be reconciled from Englewood to our accounts.

Ruth advised the board on the previous rules of the trust, “When any money is taken out there should be two people who sign for it”. Matt reminded the board that the trust was dissolved 9 or 10 months ago. The accounts in the trust are divided up in QuickBooks, but all the money is in one account. When NESCO incorporates again and is recognized – we will issue checks to each organization.

Ruth Shaw motioned to approve the treasurer’s report as presented. Chris Staab seconded. The motion passed unanimously with everyone voting.

Incoming NESCO Board Member – Rebecca Seifert

Josh Bowling requested to be on our board and he also requested to participate on the steering coming for the future of NESCO. He also would like his newly incorporated 501c3 group, Near East Athletics, hold the annual pub crawl the pub crawl.

Josh Bowling Introduced himself. Josh lives in Englewood on Dearborn St and has for the past 20 years. He was on the NESCO BOD serving in many different positions from 2002 to about 2012, and he was the NESCO president for three or four years during his tenure. He could not remember specifically how long he served in total. Josh currently works at the Chase Near East Side Legacy Center.

Tommy motioned to approve that Josh Bowling fill an At-Large board position. Matt Belsaas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kelly Wensing suggested that the BOD talk to Joan Hostetler, chair of the History and Preservation Committee, before giving the pub crawl to Near East Athletics. Rebecca advised that she will contact Joan. During the discussion that ensued about the pub crawl, the board was reminded that NESCO does not have an attorney on retainer.

Context- NESCO Next Steps – Rebecca Seifert

The NESCO Board voted to focus on reorganizing in 2015 with the purpose of finding NESCO's new direction. Matt Belsaas is the chair of the steering committee, and that committee will determine the next steps of where NESCO will go. Rebecca reminded the group that NESCO is a 45 year old organization and they have accomplished, grown, and changed a lot in 45 years. Rebecca prepared a timeline of NESCO's history and creation.

NESCO is in a review and renew phase.

A few neighborhoods are very well organized – Holy Cross and Cottage Home being two examples. There are also a few neighborhoods that are struggling. What role can NESCO fill in order to be good stewards to the very different kinds of neighbors around the near eastside area? She asked: What do we want to become? Where do we fit in with other organizations present in the near east side? The businesses that NESCO created need to be at the table to work together to solve the puzzle.

Matt – What are we going to look like and who are we going to work with. You can build houses, but houses don't build community. Need more commitment from the NESCO board if we want to build community.

Make sure that everyone here is here to rethink NESCO and not to let everything else get in the way. The focus needs to be on what we are to come. Some challenges the same as the 1960, but some are different and we need to find a way to address diversity and address that.

NESCO Steering Committee Report – Matt Belsaas

Matt passed around results from the survey that was shared during NESCO Congress. He advised that we need to reach the areas that were not responsive on the survey.

The original boundaries of NESCO went all the way downtown. Meridian to Linwood, Linwood to Washington, and Washington to Mass Ave. to 21st street to Linwood and down. – highland/bookside plan

Wrapping Up – Rebecca Seifert

The next meeting is on May 26th and there will be no June meeting. The Steering Committee will meet on the even months and the board will meet on the odd months. This will give Matt and the committee some time to work on the revision. Rebecca asked that the BOD give Matt a lot of latitude in planning who is on his committee. She knows that people have volunteered to be on the committee and we need to allow Matt to select strategic members of the committee. Overall we need to trust Matt.

Steering committee will report back to the NESCO BOD. It is critical that we get it right and create a plan to move forward with the same vigor that was used in the 1960's.

Chris Stab advised that the city does not want NESCO dark and the Dept. of Metro Development has offered assets to help us transition. They are willing to help us in any way that we think the city could help us. NESCO holds a lot of weight with the city. Rebecca responded that the greatest help that the city and community can give us is to allow us to revision and reorganize events.

Don't forget – neighborhood summit this Thursday at 6:30.

Adjourn

Having reached the end of the agenda and all discussion, Rebecca Seifert adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm.