

May 26, 2015 – NESCO Board Meeting Minutes

Bosart Brown: No Representative	
Brookside:	Tommy Reddicks
Cottage Home: No Representative	
Emerson Heights: Rebecca Seifert	
Englewood:	Brent Aldrich
Grace Tuxedo: No Representative	
Holy Cross:	Kelly Wensing
Little Flower:	Dan Goldblatt & Sarah Tague
NoBo:	Aaron Stites * unofficial neighborhood rep
Otterbein: No Representative	
Rivoli Park: Pat Paff	
Spades Park:	Marsha Burkhardt
Springdale:	Shirley Musgrove
St. Clair Place:	Stephen Ball
TEAR/United: No Representative	
Willard Park:	Satchuel Cole
Windsor Park:	Mark Schroeder
Woodruff Place:	Matt Belsaas
At Large:	Chris Staab
At Large:	Josh Bowling
At Large:	Ruth Shaw
At Large: Ken Holyoak	

1. Welcome and Introductions

In President Rebecca Seifert's absence, Vice President Tommy Reddicks hosted the meeting. Tommy called the meeting to order at 6:26pm.

Chris Stabb motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Kelly Wensing seconded.

However, Shirley Musgrove advised the group of a spelling error of "Brookside" as "Bookside".

Kelly W also suggested that since we have not received a letter from Aaron's neighborhood, we mark his presence at the May meeting as *the unofficial neighborhood representative.

Chris and Kelly approved the proposed amendments to the April minutes.

All voted to approve the minutes as amended. There were no abstentions.

Treasurer's Report: Matt Belsaas

Inspiring Places Challenge Grant of \$250 – need to decide what to do with this.

The grant was for improvement to small neighborhoods, and we are still holding onto the funds. their organization was in flux.

Willard Park used it for funding for signage in their neighborhood.

There were two new checks written since the previous meeting. The first check was for transportation expense from the Boner Center during the 2014 Pub Crawls. The bill with the 2014 charge was not the first bill sent, but it was the first bill received.

Still have not received checks from NEAR or Ivy Tech from Pi day sponsorships. We need to fill out W9 in order to receive Ivy Tech's money.

Board Business

Directors & Officers Policy – Tommy Reddicks

Kelly reinstated it at the start of her presidency. We are renewing the policy for 2015-2016. It is \$800 annually and will protect NESCO officers from being sued.

Listening Tour of Neighborhoods – Tommy Reddicks

Rebecca is going to talk to neighborhoods and see what they want/expect from NESCO. She will also introduce herself as NESCO President

501c3 business – Kelly Wensing

Presentation on current business with the IRS and getting NESCO's not for profit status finalized.

The attorney is waiting to hear from IRS if we can file 1040EZ. Hoping to have IRS paperwork sent off by the end of June regardless if it is an EZ form or not. So far we have spent \$700 in legal fees from the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic. Going forward Matthew said that Josh Abel from St. Clair place (and on the NEAR board) is working with us. He is also willing to do pro bono work for neighborhoods.

Bike Rodeo – Chris Stabb

We are unable to have the event at School 54, and instead it will now take place in the Paramount School parking lot. Next Bike Rodeo meeting will be June 2nd at 5:30pm at Clifford Corners, Situation Room, Suite L. Chris is hoping to bring a functioning bike garage to the near east side. The rodeo will be July 18th from 10-Noon. Paramount School will cover the event with their insurance.

Pub Crawl – Tommy Reddicks

Joan Hostetler wants a statement of her account, but she is fine turning the pub crawl over to Near East Athletics. Near East Athletics will move forward with their event. BOD agreed to table talk of an MOU until after we talk about the Feast of Lanterns.

BOD agreed that if NESCO side committees want money, they need to be active and working alongside NESCO. We need to make sure that we feel good about how any money under the NESCO umbrella is spent.

NESCO Games – Tommy Reddicks

Tommy passed out fliers and encouraged everyone to register online. Neighborhoods can adopt and host an event for extra medal points. First come first serve. Adopting an event means set up, clean up, and run time. There will be no more softball because it was just a two neighborhood competition; kickball will replace softball.

Kelly Wensing thanked the teachers at the Paramount School of Excellence because they make the NESCO games happen. They put in so much time and ownership into ensuring the games will succeed.

Discussion & Vote on FOL Equipment --

Josh Bowling asked "If a group wants to run FOL, why wouldn't we just allow them to use our equipment at no charge?" Matt B. reminded the group that the annual storage fee for the equipment is \$800 alone, and the rental fees for the equipment would at least allow NESCO to recoup a portion of that expense.

Tommy – we want to maintain an ongoing inventory of supplies, so if we lend out equipment and something gets broken or goes missing, the neighborhood who borrowed the equipment will pay for the replacement.

Cottage Home as expressed interest in the big white barrels with holes from FOL that are currently stored at the Boner Center.

Chris Staab has 400ft of extension cord that needs repaired and an electrical box that also needs repaired.

Tommy Reddicks presented a potential event agreement (MOU) for any neighborhoods wanting to host FOL. Multiple groups have come forward with interest in hosting event. The (MOU) allows NESCO to own the event and technically still "lease it" out to neighborhoods. The MOU would build stability in a time where NESCO does not have stability.

Josh Bowling asked, "If a group comes in, signs the agreement, and changes the event significantly, what does that mean for NESCO?" Tommy – the agreement is loose enough that someone could interpret the event in their own way, but allows for the integrity of the event to stand on its own.

Rebecca is planning to meet with David Hendrick for breakfast this week and discuss his group's wishes to host the event.

What does NESCO offer to a group who signs this contract –NESCO will offer hype and publicity for the event plus the use of the lanterns if a group signs our MOU.

Currently, David's group is identifying themselves as YOFOLO – you only feast of lanterns once.

Brent – the rental agreement is good.

Kelly – we need to create kits in order to let people rent out the feast of lantern kits.

Matt – we should weigh each of the boxes to quickly ensure that the boxes are full when we receive them.

Tommy -- Should we empower Rebecca to rent out the lights to Indy Parks?

Matt Belsaas was able to get David Hendrick on the phone to discuss FOL –

Matt – David, could you please tell us who is part of your FOL group?

David – While I am no longer a Windsor park resident or board member, I still value FOL independent of my neighborhood association. Our group is Martha Latta, Andrew Frye, and myself. I think that what NESCO is doing is excellent and appropriate for the organization. We did not want to see this event get left off track, and we were worried that an act of god terminated the event last year, worried it wasn't going to happen this year, and worried that if the event took two years off, then we would not have the event at all. This all encompassing event may no longer exist. We want to replicate the feeling of the FOL and its helpfulness to all neighborhood organizations. Our group was created outside of Windsor Park and that was intentional. We envision this event as a total near east side event. If one neighborhood were to put on the event, then I could foresee other neighborhoods not having the urgency to participate because it was just one neighborhood's event. 3rd party event that could encompass everyone and include everyone.

Josh Bowling -- Is there an organization requesting permits and wanting to produce the event? Or is it just an individual getting the approvals?

David – We have filed for the creation of a 501c3 non profit that would act as the organizing group, and that group would be submitting for the permits. The non profit paperwork has been filed. There are currently three members of the group, but once we are able to move forward, we would like more help organizing.

Matt – are you comfortable with the timeline remaining before FOL?

Daivid – The short answer is yes. There is a sense of what needs to be done by when in order to proceed. Organization, planning, and reservations are usually timed by the permits – which we are on time to receive. Our timeline is in place. We are going to be on the agenda for the Indy Parks BOD Mtg. In the end, Money will decide if the event happens or not.

Matt – David, do you have any questions for NESCO?

David – I want to be clear about intentions – intention is not to take away anything from anyone. Intention is to hold event for this year so that it does not get lost in the shuffle. We have freedom because it will not be the same event. New ideas are beneficial even if they don't work. We do not want to sully an event that everyone loves. We are not asking for NESCO's permission to put on the event. We are looking for something to say that there is not a fierce amount of opposition. We want NESCO's blessing.

David can vouch for Martha Latta's abilities to organize an event.

Our next step is to begin fundraising. We will fundraise by reaching out to individual businesses for sponsorships and donations. We will also reach out to neighborhoods for money using a Kickstarter campaign. If we cannot raise the money for the event by a certain date, we will kill the event.

David would like to use NESCO's lanterns. They are not going to try to come begging for those things, but they believe it would be a way for NESCO to show camaraderie towards David's group.

Chris S made a motion to accept the MOU paperwork as presented and Mark S seconded. All instances of "Clark county" in the MOU will be changed to Marion County.

Tommy R suggested we further amend the motion to allow the executive board to negotiate MOU as necessary.

Everyone was in favor of the motion and its amendments, and everyone present voted. There were no abstentions, and the motion passed unanimously

Pub crawl? Should we have a similar contract for this event? Looking at October for first pub crawl.

Matt made a motion to hammer out the event contract and create something similar for the Pub Crawl. Dan G. seconded. This will allow Near East Athletics to move forward, and we will work through the details at a later date.

Everyone in favor, but Chris Stabb, who did not vote.

Chris – IMPD community day is on July 15th. Anyone wanting a table at this event can get information from Chris.

Tommy ended the meeting at 7:52pm.