

October 27th, 2015 – NESCO Board Meeting Minutes

	Present:
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
Otterbein: No Representative	
Rivoli Park:	Patt 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: No Representative	
At Large:	Chris Staab
At Large:	Josh Bowling
At Large: Ruth Shaw	
At Large:	Ken Holyoak
Guest:	Jen Emond

NESCO President Rebecca Seifert called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. All board members present introduced themselves and updated the board on the current status of their neighborhood projects.

Board Business

Approval of September 2015 Minutes

Satchuel found error with the summary wording of Chris's code enforcement/ crime reduction committee report.

Tommy made a motion to redact entire code reduction section. Chris seconded the motion. Mark Schroeder abstained. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Kelly Wensing

There has been no activity in our accounts since the last meeting. We are still pursuing the refund from the storage unit.

NESCO's 501C3 Update

NESCO's 501c3 status has been reinstated.

Spades Park, St. Clair Place, Little Flower do not currently have their 501c3 status. Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic thinks that neighborhoods should be able to use NESCO's 501c3 status instead of getting their own.

NESCO's 501c4 has been changed to a 501c3. We are in the process of dissolving the charitable trust. NESCO needs to have their books reviewed before we will be able to dissolve the trust. Rebecca and the executive committee are pursuing audit/review options for NESCO. They will report back to the board.

Banking Update

After NESCO's books are reviewed, we will move our banking to the National Bank of Indianapolis.

United Way's Executive Volunteer Services Meeting

Tommy and Rebecca met with Betsy Bikoff. She will help us with governance and structure. Part of NESCO's problems in the past have stemmed around governance issues (filings with the government).

Having a strong governance committee will help the organization thrive as we move into the future. Rebecca is hopeful that we can introduce the new governance structure at NESCO Congress.

Tommy advised that the United Way's Executive Volunteer Services are a perfect fit for our needs as they will be able to pair us with an experienced non profit professional who will be unbiased and help us get to where we want to go.

Committee Reports

Crime Reduction Code Enforcement – Chris Staab

Nothing to report, but we are still doing business. Next meeting is next Monday at Englewood at 5:30. Meetings are evenly split between city entities and neighbors.

Kelly challenged each neighborhood to have a representative at each CRCE meeting going forward. This will allow people to know other people. Everyone probably has problems that Crime Reduction Code Enforcement could help them with. These meetings are the 1st Monday of each month.

Chris has been the chairman of this committee for six years. He is not ready to step away from this committee, but he would like to find some help and someone to train. Please note that because of his work with crime reduction and code enforcement, IMPD made Chris a 2015 Crime Fighter of the Year.

Land Use –

David Hittle sent a land use committee report.

NESCO's Role in the 21st Century – Rebecca Seifert

Quality of Life Plan – Top Three

Rebecca was unsure if we ever jelled the three things that NESCO is most interested in at the last meeting.

Tommy – when the QLP came out, there were 72 NESCO led initiatives. Now we are involved in 52. We have completed about 6 items. It is not because NESCO is unable to achieve results, but it is because NESCO became over obligated. There are no measurable items on the QLP. How do you measure success against the QLP? It's not about salvaging the plan, it is about NESCO finding their top three items and finding NESCO's voice about what we are and what we are not. We need to create measurable ways to see success so that we can appropriately report back to the community and have a positive impact.

What can we achieve? Crime Reduction, Land Use/Zoning, and Neighborhood Building.

We are doing great at those three items. The city recognizing NESCO via the Crime Reduction committee and the Land Use committee. Those two committees keep NESCO alive.

We need to decide what adds value to NESCO, and what over taxes the organization.

Tommy volunteered to head this committee and put a plan together, but he needs volunteers. Kelly, Stephen, Dan, Rebecca, and Satchuel volunteered.

The board discussed future and current development on the near east side and the challenges that home buyers, sellers, and developers have.

Kelly reminded the board that conversations about crime and drug houses need to take place at the Code Enforcement Crime Reduction Meeting so that the right people are around the table that can do something.

Discussion from Last Meeting

Rural street bridge project will be delayed until spring.

Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm