

NESCO Board Meeting – February 25, 2014

Present:

Bosart Brown:	Mark Saetre
Brookside:	Tommy Reddicks
Cottage Home: Dan Doll	Christy Cashin on behalf of Dan Doll
Emerson Heights:	Rebecca Seifert
Englewood: Brent Aldrich	absent
Forest Manor: no representative	n/a
Grace Tuxedo: no representative	n/a
Holy Cross:	Kelly Wensing
Little Flower:	Thomas Sisson
NOBO:	Camelia Clay
Otterbein: no representative	n/a
RMS10:	Pat Paff
Spades Park: Marsha Burkhardt	absent
Springdale:	Jerry Shepard
St. Clair Place:	Stephen Ball
TEAR/United: no representative	n/a
Willard Park:	Zach Adamson
Windsor Park:	Mark Schroeder
Woodruff Place:	Rick Van Dyke
At-Large:	Excused
At-Large:	Chris Staab
At-Large:	Ruth Shaw
At-Large: Ken Holyoak	Excused
At-Large:	Matt Belsaas

Guests include:

- Melissa Benton, I-AD, Feast of Lanterns and bookkeeper
- Megan Fetter, Director of Neighborhood Engagement
- Sarah Johnson, Immigrant Welcome Center
- Mark Latta, Windsor Park
- Todd Schifeling, Beyond Coal
- Jim Spychalski
- Aaron Story

I. Welcome & Introduction

- The meeting opened at 6:30 pm. Kelly Wensing invited those present to introduce themselves.

II. Public Comments: Melissa Benton handed out copies of the February IAD newsletter – if you are not getting this electronically you can sign up on the email list with Melissa. Pat Paff stated Rivoli Theatre has a new roof.

III. Board Business:

- Approval of Minutes – Stephen Ball asked if the group had any changes to the January 2014 board minutes. Two changes in the January minutes both in Board Business – from first bullet ‘Approval of January 2014’ change from “Public comments were made regarding by

laws that the Board will act as treasurer until elections are held in February. The board will go ahead for a month. ” Change to: “Comments were made regarding by-laws and officers holding multiple positions. Since elections are next month (February) it was discussed that the board president would act as treasurer until elections are held.” And from second bullet point Treasurers Report change from “will be one for 2014” Change to: “will be one after a treasurer is elected”.

- a. Tommy Reddicks moved the minutes be approved as amended. Tom Sisson seconded; the motion was passed.
- Treasurer’s Report – Matt Belsaas provided paper copies of the account details.
- Presidents Report – Kelly Wensing. Handed out Reconnecting to Our Waterways brochures. There is an upcoming Quality of Life Summit on March 13, and Pi day is coming up March 14. She thanked the members of the group who worked to organize the NESCO Congress and the members of the board who participated to make the event a success.

IV. Guests

- Beyond Coal – Todd Schifeling gave the presentation. Harding Street Coal Plant is the source of most of the air pollution in Indianapolis. He advocates spending money on alternative sources to burning coal. He asked that NESCO submit a resolution to support replacing coal burning with alternative energies.
- Immigrant Welcome Center – Sarah Johnson – Connecting foreign-born residents with services and information. They have begun working on the Eastside thanks to a grant from Cummins. She is interested in our ideas for engaging the immigrant population – classes, workshops on homeownership, healthcare, dialogs with neighborhoods etc.
- Signal Box Art – Mark Latta introduced an idea to bring more public art to the Eastside by painting the signal boxes. He introduced Aaron Storey from Foundation East who has painted 20 boxes in the Irvington area. He estimates that there are approximately 40 boxes in the NESCO area – the cost to paint each box is \$500-600. Mark said they thought the project would cost about \$30,000, and he was hoping that the neighborhoods could pitch in about 25% of the cost. Aaron would like to coordinate the project to have all boxes painted within the same week to create a media buzz and promote volunteerism.
- Education Day – Megan Fetter presented the idea of an Education Day. In one day on the Near East Side various neighborhoods and organizations would host a class at various venues. Class and venue would depend on the neighborhood.

V. Old Business

- 2014 Congress Report – Rebecca Seifert stated that about 125 were in attendance. Rebecca expressed her thanks to all who helped to make Congress a success.
- By-Laws Committee – Tommy Reddicks – asked for comments on the by-laws that had been distributed in two formats prior to the meeting. Zach had a concern about the section allowing an additional representative from the neighborhood for the NESCO Board officers. Tommy reviewed the differences in the old and prospective by-laws. By-laws are a living document and can be amended. Tom Sisson moved that we accept. Rebecca Seiffert seconded. The vote was 14 to 1. Motion passed.

VI. New Business/Call to Action

- Pi Day Fundraiser – Zach Adamson – asked for volunteers for March 14 at Commonwealth.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm

Next Meeting: March 25, 2014 at 6:30pm (Boner Center)