

NESCO Board Meeting – August 19, 2014

Present:

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

Guests include:

- Melissa Benton, NEAR, Feast of Lanterns and bookkeeper
- Megan Fetter, Director of Neighborhood Engagement
- Marc Lotter - homestead tax person with the City of Indianapolis

Welcome & Introduction

- The meeting opened at 6:32 pm. Kelly Wensing invited those present to introduce themselves.
- Pat Boyce with Grace Tuxedo and St. Clair Place was present.
- Jim Bowden of Rivoli Park and Theatre was a guest.

Public Comments:

- Kelly Wensing requested that all reps add their neighborhood meetings to the NESCO calendar. It's easy. If you require further instruction on how to add an event, please contact Kelly.
- National Night Out was a successful and many NESCO neighborhoods had gatherings.
- There is a mural at 10th and Sherman being created.
- Great Places is a program sponsored by the city. On Wednesday Aug 26th the group will be at Oxford and Washington at 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. The program is looking at this Washington Street location to name a "Great Place".

Board Business:

- Approval of Minutes – Stephen Ball asked if the group had any changes to the July 2014 board minutes.
 - Motion was made to postpone the approval of the minutes since they went out late. Kelly Wensing moved and Rebecca Seifert seconded that the approval of the minutes be delayed until the September meeting. Motion was carried.
- Treasurers Report –Matt Belsaas is out on paternity leave.
- Presidents Report – Kelly Wensing – waived to save time for Feast of Lanterns Discussion.

New Business/Call to Action:

- Homestead Tax Update - Marc Lotter with city communications spoke regarding an initiative to reduce crime by the City. The initiative is to reduce crime by concentrating on youth with pre-K education and to put more officers on the street. There will also be a focus on re-entry. Most homeowners in NESCO will not be affected by the proposed change in property taxes. September 22 is the deadline for the proposal to be approved.

Old Business:

- Feast of Lanterns – Melissa Benton reviewed progress of Feast of Lanterns. She has worked on the permits and logistics of the Event. The Board reviewed the handouts provided which gave a good indication of the status of Feast of Lanterns. The logistics of the Feast, the Lantern Auction and the Kids Zone were reviewed. Volunteers are needed for set up.

Meeting adjourned at @ 8:05 pm by Kelly Wensing

Next Meeting will be held on September 23, 2014 at 6:30pm at the Boner Center.