

## **Northside / Westside Neighborhood Council Meeting**

**June 29, 2011**

### **Public Announcements / Comments**

- Leslie Galant – Pocket Park revitalization – Near the walking bridge on the Northside. Money available lots of partnerships – the ZACC, etc. Need people to sign up to get involved – need community input. Sent sign up around
- Denise – would like to see a Westside Historical Marker

### **City Council Introduction**

- Cynthia Wolken – new city council representative. Serving since January – Ward 2 Representative
  - Contact information is online

### **Public Works: Toole St. / Spruce St. / Scott St.**

- Steve King – Public Works
  - Discussed issues about traffic concerns and past interactions with the council
  - Scott and Toole Street:
    - The Broadway Diet increased traffic at the Scott/Toole intersection about 10 percent
    - Variety of studies – what can be done conventionally
      - Stop signs and stop lights possible but did not meet the warrants for 4 way stop
      - Round-about – 2 in town currently
        - Safety
    - Mini roundabout proposed – right a-way but without the expensive piece of construction – funding is available
      - Collaborative effort – not done deal – looking to do it next year
      - Large vehicles? Rollover median – able to make left turns
      - Next summer 2012 is when it can potentially happen
        - Nancy – This has been an interest in the intersection since 1996 – looking forward to the change
        - Looking for a sounding board from the neighborhood
        - Fits in curb lines about the corner might need to be cut
        - Russell / Broadway intersection will be reconstructed in the future
        - OPG – traffic counts available online

### **Neighborhood Leadership Voting In**

- Neighborhood Leadership Team history
- Need to have one meeting a year
- Minimum of 5 – 7 for each neighborhood
  - Representation from each neighborhood – want diversity among leadership
  - 1 year commitment is fine
  - Reps needed for the Community Forum meeting – 1 rep and 1 alternative from each neighborhood – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month
- Max term limit is 4 years / Min term is 2 years
  - Nominations: Need 3 people
    - **Jordan Hess**
    - **Greg Martin** – 1400 block of ? Street – Westside Neighborhood
    - **Casey Dunning** – Scott and Cooper – Social Work – getting masters (Community Forum Rep for Westside)
    - Jana O'Connor? Does not live in the neighborhood – area will need to be annexed
    - **Kendal Lewis** - Northside
    - **Leslie Gallant** – Northside (Community Forum alternative)

Pam made motion to move and accept all nominees as a slate moved

There was a motion to second

All Approved

### **Community Resolution Dispute Center / Pov Discussion**

#### **Mary**

- Meeting with mayor yesterday – proposed community
  - Jed Little – lives on Westside / 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with mayor
    - Working with Amie Thuerber from NCBI
      - Series of meeting – first one 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July – exact date to be announced
      - 4 meetings – all inclusive of the community
        - Group would be formed to site selection committee
        - What is the need filled by the Poverello
        - What are the needs of the new site
      - Sites to consider
      - Pros and Cons of the sites proposed
      - Proposal of the site to be considered in a public forum
    - Also discussing to keep the momentum going on the issues that are in this neighborhood

- To get involved or to be updated on things going on – sign up with Marty
  - Bob Oakes – discussed the concerns of sexual / violent offenders who are registered in the neighborhood – take it with a grain of salt – thinks more room to disprove than to support it
- Neighborhood concerns
  - Engaging neighborhoods to find appropriate location
  - Identify the concerns – brainstorm possible solutions
  - **Concerns:**
    - Emmitt – Concerns of safety of self and children
      - Disorderly conduct / violence / drunkenness
    - Molly – Support of the Poverello Center in that area
      - Greatest concern is that every neighborhood will reject the location
        - No possible location
    - Worried about people waiting outside around Broadway – dangerous place for people to wait – people waiting to access services - traffic concern
      - Location and size Site too small concern is possibility that patrons will be injured while waiting outside
    - Rochelle – Realtor - buyer backed out of location – concerned about decrease in property values in the neighborhood
    - Location – with campus involved would be more appropriate
      - Concern of alley traffic in early spring – bring more people into neighborhood
      - Concern – cause interested parties to decide not to move in even though affordable housing is available – people reluctant to move in or stay in the neighborhood due to presence
    - Concerned for lack of communication / outreach from the Poverello Center
      - Marty – invitation extended late – Board Meeting
      - Neighborhood considered to be NIMBY
      - Neighborhood now responsible for trying to find a new site
      - Concerned about lack of information
        - Why can't they stay downtown?
    - Violence against children / adults
    - Littering
    - People using the outside as a restroom
    - Sleeping in yards and alleys
    - Breaking into homes
    - Theft
    - Vandalism

- Disorderly Conduct
- Drug use / selling / manufacturing
- Sleeping in parks
- Proximity of School / Park
- Traffic issues
- Convicts influx into the neighborhood
- Not more beds at the new facility
  - Not good for community to serve
  - Not good for neighborhood because there are not enough beds – people sleep in neighborhood
- Funding issues – what happens in 10 years
- Poverello Center has not shown adequate planning
  - How will Poverello Center handle the new facility
- Why does it have to be in a residential neighborhood?