

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 – 4th 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 / 2nd meeting with mayor
 - Working with Amie Thuerber from NCBI
 - Series of meeting – first one 2nd 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?