

## NEPNA Board Meeting

March 8, 2017

### AGENDA

- 1) Invite additions to the agenda and adopt
  - a) Add item to Park Board update (groundbreaking invite). Dana Murdoch & ADA issue. Playground.
  - b) Northeaster article regarding neighborhood organizations.
  
- 2) Sarah Becker, 2nd precinct community attorney
  - a) Community attorney from city attorney's office. Idea of "community prosecution". Honing in on specific crimes and offenders. Give special resources to help combat livability crimes. Sarah's position is a liaison position between office, police. Problem solving for repeated crimes.
  - b) "Livability crimes": Crimes that affect people's day to day lives. Needles, condom wrappers, drinking in public, etc that affect people's sense of safety. Street racing is an issue in the 2nd precinct. No standout offenses in the 2nd precinct.
  - c) There is also a problem properties attorney, from the County, helps hone in on issues properties to help abate nuisance.
  - d) Crime report status was given. Very few crimes to report from 2017, highest is larceny that is associated with the Quarry. Auto theft is on the rise over the past few months.
  - e) Question about livability crimes: why does it grab attention? Not a new program. Idea being that if you can keep those crimes to a minimum and make neighborhood nicer place to be, then you prevent larger crimes.
  - f) HOMES program (court). Speciality court. Connect homeless individuals with resources.
  - g) Certain crimes you just have to pay a fine. For payable offenses the bail is set at \$0. Examples: public intoxication, some driving offenses. Officers are not able to book them into jail.
  
- 3) CPP report review
  - a) Invite comment
    - i) No public comments were received
    - ii) Those present reviewed Karina's revisions and made additional suggestions.
  - b) Formalize suggested changes
  - c) Motion to formally adopt at April meeting
    - i) Motion was made at previous meeting to adopt in April. Karina will revise the draft, send to Katie for review, and share with Board and neighborhood at least 1 week prior to April meeting.

- 4) 18th Avenue Committee update
  - a) No committee meeting was held since last month. The initiative needs a champion. Nels and Marissa volunteered to co-champion the event. Those present held a discussion about the best way to approach contact with the city, and partnership with other neighborhoods. It was suggested that a good action plan would be to contact Windom Park to see if they are interested in co-hosting and offering space; contacting Kevin Reich and public works/project manager with a request to attend a meeting with a specific venue and time; and to follow up the request with a letter.
  - b) Nels and Marissa will receive notes from Karina and get the initiative rolling.
  
- 5) Community Engagement committee update - Katie reviewed the first meeting of the committee which occurred on March 2nd with six attendees. The Committee addressed the following:
  - a) Survey (May)
    - i) First action item will be survey to neighborhood. Committee is reviewing survey examples and discussing again next week. Karina is going to send out a quick blast to the neighborhood to ask for ideas on survey questions.
  - b) Summer engagement event
    - i) Engagement event to follow in summer, details TBD. Will likely be organized around general neighborhood visioning and specific topic areas that can be translated into an action plan.
  - c) Definition of robust community engagement
    - i) The Committee reached out to the city and now have in writing the definition of robust community engagement, which includes targeted outreach to underserved populations in the neighborhood (populations of color, youth, persons with one or more disabilities, renters, and non-native English speakers). It also includes specific direction on the types of engagement activities that are appropriate.
  - d) Action Plan outcome
    - i) Committee suggests developing an action plan as an outcome of engagement, which the neighborhood has done in the past. Such a plan would be directly derived from engagement and would result in a roadmap for the neighborhood, highlighting priority topics, initiatives, projects, and visioning for the neighborhood.
  - e) Updates: Committee will meet again next Thursday and report back in April
  
- 6) Update on park building groundbreaking
  - a) Add item to Park Board update (groundbreaking invite). Groundbreaking is on March 21st.

- b) Dana Murdoch & ADA issue. Park building is already ADA compliant designed. Question from last meeting was more about playground and the park in general. Kristin will reach out again.
  - c) Playground. May be an opportunity (closer to 2019) to provide input on updates to the existing playground and what new playground facilities may be appropriate.
- 7) Northeaster article regarding neighborhood organizations.
- a) Good Northeaster article about the future of neighborhood organizations and potential consolidation. The City is inviting public comment about the future of neighborhood organizations at the upcoming City-sponsored free Community Connections Conference downtown (April 1st, which is a Saturday).
  - b) Kristin would like to see neighbors attend and give feedback. Several board members interested in attending. Preregistration required.
  - c) Other ideas were raised about passing a resolution or writing a letter affirming the importance of a smaller, unconsolidated neighborhood structure - while recognizing the benefits of sharing resources, there was a good deal of agreement amongst those present about the critical importance of convening on a very local level and governing a smaller geographic area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.