

NEPNA Meeting Minutes

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Attendees:

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Garrett Bembenek

NEPNA fest debrief:

Good turnout, people having a good time, good food, good vendors

Might have even greater turnout next year with new construction

Look for growth for future years, welcome packages for new neighbors (could be templates from other neighborhoods) these could be sent out to new residents - possible committee, mention at next meeting

Budget more for outreach, flyers

Make a list of vendors so we could point people to specific vendors, have this at the event, social media, our website, and maybe flyers.

Bring bubble stuff for kids to play with - Sean to provide

Start planning earlier, earlier fundraising, partnering with Heidi at the rec center for planning around or pairing with NESE soccer events - pairing would make this a much bigger event (1000+) which would necessitate more food etc. - Invite Heidi to the next meeting to see what she was envisioning and if that would be something that NEPNA would be interested in.

Waite Park had lines of vendors at their annual community fest. Could be a way to raise money.

Merger updated:

Logan Park has a new board and they may not chose to move forward with the October community vote, no official announcement made.

Upcoming Monday 9/18 Q&A session at Beltrami rec center, flyers being sent soon

Wednesday 10/25 merger community vote at the NE Rec center, if this moves forward the merger would happen on Jan 1 if at least 2 neighborhood associations vote to merge.

We should all try to get people to attend the Q&A and the vote on 10/25

Ward One Candidate Forum:

Ward 1 candidate forum at the NE rec center Wednesday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m
Elliot Payne

Renters' Rights Forum:

October 11 Renters rights forum event at Būch Fermentary and Taproom - hosted by NEPNA, Waite, Beltrami, Logan Saint Anthony East, Windom, with Sheridan, Holland, and Audobon also providing some support, free pizza, panelists from Homeline, AG office, hopefully Kari Dziedzic or Elliot Payne will moderate.

Park Survey Update:

Mandy - Neighborhood survey asking for minor demographic questions and what they would like to see for services and/amenities in our neighborhood, surveys would be available at the community vote event, Yingwa newsletter, hopefully distributed with Beltrami or other park partners.

Billy Menz wants to host an event at the temporary dog park space before the 10/25 event getting ideas about what people want to see added to the park amenities. Survey would also be at this event. Along with more meetings, events, etc. along these lines.

Mandy is looking for more ways to distribute this survey as well.

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7418365/NE-Park-Athletic-Fields-Community-Survey>

Open time for discussion:

Increased police activity around the old colbert house on 18th. For non emergency use 311, take photos, these are followed up on. Call 911 in any emergency. Our crime specialist is involved.

Increased tagging on central.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

Anything to add to the October meeting? Bringing Heidi to talk or cancel?