

10/20/15 – Neighborhood President’s Council Meeting

- MAP Task Force 2 Project Funds:
 - Grant funding runs Sept. – Sept.; once expended hope to reapply for additional funding
 - Pettigrew Acres submitted first fund request to replace neighborhood trees; Pettigrew Acres owns watering bags to ensure trees are properly watered – will send information to the group on where to purchase bags online and the name of the farmer who removed the old tree stumps.
 - Questions:
 - *How will the funded project be measured and evaluated?* Refer to the Follow-up Report form
 - *Can TF2 funds be used to reimburse for funds already spent?* Yes
 - *Can a neighborhood apply now for funding that wouldn’t be used until Spring or Summer 2016?*
Yes, TF2 will work with your association on a case by case basis
- President’s Reports
 - Cowing Park (Aimee) – dedicated group of neighbors working to organize; boundaries are Wheeling, Walnut, Cromer, and McGalliard.
 - Northview (Aimee) – identifying new leadership – have someone in mind & looks promising.
 - Minnetrista (Jay) – had issue at Spring neighborhood cleanup with not reaching portion of neighborhood and this Fall’s cleanup was rained out; annual yard sale didn’t happen this year; holding elections on first Tuesday in November; Christmas party is used as membership drive; will work on next year’s October “Apple Fest” over this winter; not sure if event will be neighborhood based or city-wide; would like to make it an annual event; will need to consult with health department on food/baked goods (Health Dept. has separate rules when dealing with non-profits – easy to work with); have created 200 welcome bags for pass-out – include history of neighborhood, coupons, info on neighborhood/local businesses and the association’s mission statement.
 - Whitely (Frank) – Safety Committee presented at last meeting – talked about shootings that have occurred in the city/neighborhood; will have police officers come to future meetings to build relationships; don’t have a neighborhood watch – will implement first in one section and then several in one section of the neighborhood; walking club takes place on Thursdays – got grant to purchase vests and will use the club to help pass out information throughout the neighborhood; Rebekah Parker and Olivia are now in charge of the marketing committee – getting neighborhood applications online to facilitate getting neighborhood association membership cards after paying dues.
 - Robinwood (Jennifer) – Urban Forester removed 17 trees at the entrance to the neighborhood; 10 new trees are being sponsored by residents through the Urban Forester tree dedication program; working on uniting all 8 sections of the neighborhood under one covenant document – getting backlash from some residents but have 2 sections with enough signatures already; November 12th meeting will hold elections; have block captains for each street for distributing information; success in obtaining 85% of dues may be in part because send out self-addressed envelopes with the request letter.
 - Old West End (Nicole) – October 1st participated in Arts Walk with dedication of Community Circle Park – New Corner Brewery handed out samples and sculpture artist was on site to talk about the public art; October 10th held Beech Grove Cemetery Tour featuring Sesquicentennial Residents; have had an influx of new members at meetings – could be in part due to Facebook; winding down this year’s projects and planning for next Spring/Summer.
 - Ginny (Task Force 2) – will be hosting second annual Christmas Party on December 8th at Maring-Hunt from 6:00-8:00 pm; Association boards and their families are welcome to attend; potluck – bring something to share if you would like.
 - East Central (Annie & Bob) – 501c3 status pending (have been c4 for 30 years) – took over a year with the help of a lawyer; this Friday is Everything Pumpkin Event to support Emily Kimbrough house renovation (\$9000 roof donated by resident; fixed foundation issues; residents have worked every weekend on rehab); house will be used as a Community Center with collection of E.K. memorabilia; want to install small kitchen downstairs for catered events; would like to host elementary tours; Sunday

afternoon will host pumpkin carving event for neighborhood kids – volunteers will help kids carve; purchase the pumpkins through the association’s general fund which is supported by making and selling candy, house tours, crown funding and resident donations/dues; working with City Hall downtown on street projects to make East Central neighborhood and commerce friendly

- Washington St. to go 2-way all the way to the Greenway on a 6 month trial
- Close Hackly between Main and Jackson
 - Was closed at this spot approx. 30 years ago
 - Will redirect heavy traffic to Madison – hopefully cutting down on amount of cut-through traffic through neighborhood and unsavory activity at the corner Marathon station
 - Are asking for support from other neighborhoods – go back to your association and discuss; Annie and Bob will be invited back to next meeting to discuss in further detail
 - Concerns – will get pushback on timing because of recent railroad & construction closings; perception that this will cut-off Southside neighborhoods even more; how will this impact semi traffic – will re-routing cost them time and money?
- Westbrier (Lynn) – Interested in street closing issue – needs map to take back to residents to discuss.
- Forest Park (Mark) – last cleanup was cancelled due to weather; gearing up for Christmas party – have Papa John’s on-line to donate pizza; need volunteers to get fliers passed out; association will go dormant during the winter months and begin meeting again every month in February.
- University Heights (Heather) – planning a Christmas party in December and would like to invite Westbrier; updating neighborhood brochure – resident took photos of neighborhood; hope to hold elections in the Spring.
- South Central (Lezlie) – partnering with Habitat and Vectren on neighborhood development – held meeting with another scheduled for November; Mayor came and walked neighborhood at last meeting; Prime Trust did a neighborhood cleanup and Red Cross passed out smoke detectors – wasn’t able to assist either but would like to be a better partner with future events.
- Pettigrew Acres (John) – best year for the neighborhood; 85% dues paid at the December dinner (\$35/year); Petty needs paved; creating walkways at entrance to neighborhood with new trees; requested street light for walker at corner; 26 houses in neighborhood so communication is person to person.