

08/19/14 – Neighborhood President's Council Meeting

- Jim Wingate:
 - Have held several canvassing events
 - Task Force 2 will have a booth at Converge 2014 (Sept. 04, 4-7 pm at the Horizon Convention Center <http://www.convergeeci.com/converge-2014/>) and at Meridian Health Service's FamFest (Aug. 23, 9-1 pm at 3620 W. White River Blvd. <https://www.meridianhs.org/events/famfest>); also setting up a booth at school open houses
 - Will not have a regular meeting next month; Mayor Tyler has requested our presence at a special meeting to discuss the work of the Neighborhood Investment Committee; meeting will be held on September 16 at 6:00 pm – will update everyone on the location once it is chosen
- Aimee Fant:
 - Working to organize the Northview neighborhood; had a meeting last Sunday and a canvassing event scheduled for Sept. 13, 10:00 am, meet at Northview Elementary; first meeting is scheduled for Sept. 17 at Kennedy library
 - Neighborhood Facebook Presentation (Aimee can help set up your neighborhood's page)
 - Has created pages for Northview, Industry, and Forest Park as well as the MAP Neighborhoods page
 - Determine the 3 or 4 core elements of the neighborhood "brand"
 - Do's and Don'ts of posting (pictures of children without permission, venting, stay positive, etc.)
 - How to create the page (must have a FB page)
 - How to use the page (create events, upload photos, tagging, deleting/editing posts)
 - Annie Poole: ECNA has success with their FB page but also hand deliver a newsletter because there is a population that does not have access to internet
- President's Reports
 - Jeff M. (Halteman Village) – working on their Wellington house project – demolition using Hardest Hit funds via a partnership with the neighborhood pool utilizing their 501c3 status; would like turn the property into a neighborhood pocket park for 3 years and then sell for redevelopment; are putting together a 5k run/walk to raise funds for busses for Mitchell elementary field trips – plan to hold this event in October
 - Annie P. (ECNA) – Sept. 13-14 is the Old Washington St. Festival – the lace makers will be back this year, along with a woodworker and potter working onsite
 - Larry S. (Gatewood) – Kasey Stanley is creating a neighborhood FB account
 - Mark K. (Forest Park) – Church at Daly & 8th opened last week and held a fish fry; Senior Center will hold a fish fry on Oct. 07; garden is struggling – needs to get more people involved (not getting response from Church)
 - Bill M. (Riverside/Normal City) – held elections, Bill is officially the president and have 10 board members; 525 new beds at Village Promenade – drafted letter to mayor & 4 residents went to 15 minutes with the Mayor (went well – took 1 hour); held neighborhood rummage last Saturday; will participate in Drool in the Pool and hope to get some proceeds from Baskin Robbins Truck; will advertise the neighborhood association in the Campus Community Coalition door hanger project
 - Leslie M. (South Central) – have held two meetings with twenty different people; plans to hold elections soon; block party went well until it rained; garden has gone really well – grant allowed them to build beds and make it handicap accessible; will have clean-up on Sept. 06; intend to have a neighborhood party
 - Bucky O. (Pettigrew Acres) – work on beautification of neighborhood; have a lot of walkers and bikers in the neighborhood; have 3 meetings a year and a neighborhood cookout and Christmas party
 - Cliff C. (Blaine/Southeast) – block party was held Aug. 09 and was very successful – probably the best turnout they've had – ran out of food and school supplies but went out and got more; attribute the success of the event to Aimee and Jim's work advertising it at the Sutton School open house; had over

50 people attend and 30 of those were from the neighborhood; only had 1 new person at the neighborhood meeting but didn't have a chance to follow up with emails or calls; clean-up Sept. 06 – would like to flier for this event; BSU class to do plan this semester with students – walking neighborhood next Friday; field was cleaned up but didn't use it for the block party; have a member that will talk to Mayor about grading the walking track

- Mark L. (Thomas Park/Avondale) – no elections yet; clean-up Sept. 13; if neighbors want to have a picnic they can attend the Ross Center's 40th year celebration; during clean-up would like to go along main streets and mow between the street and the sidewalk; people at Avondale Church would like to help with the neighborhood
- Nicole R. (Old West End) – held neighborhood rummage sale; working Ribfest gate; 16 houses coming down with Hardest Hit Funds (Wilson/Kilgore); Sept. 06 clean-up; working on calendar with neighborhood pictures; Oct. 18 Beechgrove After Dark Event
- Lynn Hale (Westbrier) – meeting held last Friday – 39 people were in attendance with Jason D. as the speaker (rain gardens and ditches); would like to attractively plant the ditches; created a map of potential walking paths to connect the neighborhoods – pursuing these with the city