

03/18/14 – Neighborhood President's Council Meeting

- Introductions
- Hardest Hit Funds (Chris Allen)
 - \$19 million for category 3 cities (incl. Muncie)
 - Section 106 review does not apply but excludes historic properties that are individually listed
 - IHEDA is managing the program
 - Acquisition costs are capped at 40% of 15K or 25K depending on the house
 - 2010 census listed 4000 vacant units (could be properties that someone just moved out of – does not denote long-term vacancies/abandoned properties)
 - Don't have to have a homestead to combine lots (contact Bridges to see if they would want 115 S. Council torn down to be used for parking for 109 S. Council)
 - 102 properties removed from tax sale to be used for this program (removal contingent on receiving funding for demolition)
- Pat Smith
 - Soldierly Salvage – began in 2011
 - Would like to train veterans in deconstruction
 - Wants to bring trainers back to Muncie from CA (that trained ex-offenders)
 - Hopes to train 10 veterans
 - SOS day – helps train soldiers in rehabilitation of properties; sells salvage to people in a .05 or .10 store
- Neighborhood plans
 - MAP to do neighborhood plans for interested neighborhoods at no-cost
- President's reports
 - Minnetrista: hadn't met for 8 years; met in March; September clean-up with sanitary district; have a tax id # but can't find organization on Secretary of State's website; neighborhood picnic in the works
 - Old West End: were in St. Patrick's Day parade walking animal shelter dogs; Ray Dudley from Sheriff's dept. did presentation on meth and wants to partner to board up windows in abandoned props; Clifton-Wallace park ribbon cutting at 509 W. Charles coming up (date not yet set)
 - Forest Park: May 3 Thomas Park/Avondale neighborhood cleanup with sanitary district
 - Westridge: April 19, 10-12:30 pm is their next meeting date – intend to receive an update on the Village project at the next meeting; June 20 picnic at the pavilion near the football stadium 5-7:30 pm; dealing with smokers in neighborhood displaced from campus – considering calling police for loitering; May is considering widening Petty at entrance to campus and possibly installing bike lanes for walkers and bikers
 - Western Woods: Habitat house going up in the neighborhood – looking for female volunteers
 - Kenmore: substation planning still ongoing – intend to build in Summer 2015 but utility is asking for input on design
 - Blaine: looking at student concept drawings for Blaine field; Aug. 09 block party – will extend to the field; May 03 clean-up scheduled with sanitary district; neighborhood association meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Serenity Club (1218 S. Brotherton)
 - South Central: would like to have first meeting next month
 - Riverside/Normal City: issue with toters being left on the streets after trash pick-up; would like if Nikki or Jim from sanitary district can come to talk at the next President's Council Meeting; planning to re-instate ice cream social with proceeds to benefit AARF or the animal shelter
 - Westbrier: issue with safety with people walking against traffic on the streets
 - Industry: meet the 4th Thursday of every month at Price Hall (704 S. Madison); have an April canvassing of the neighborhood planned
 - Whitely: 73 people at last meeting; ground breaking for Schafer chapel and Longfellow school walking trail are coming up (dates not yet set)