

10/21/14 – Neighborhood President's Council Meeting

- Shafer Leadership Academy:
 - Introductions: name, neighborhood and favorite childhood memory of your neighborhood
 - Common themes in our childhood memories
 - Kids came together to have fun
 - It was safe
 - Our memories were of things that took place outside (i.e. building forts, ice skating, riding bikes)
 - Hula Hoop Activity – Lessons Learned:
 - Is everyone in the group focused on the same thing?
 - A group will only drive in the same direction when they are focused on the same vision
 - Leaders need to listen and value what everyone has to say
 - Dreams for your neighborhood
 - Feeling good about where you are in the community
 - Feeling safe
 - Developing community
 - See it thrive
 - To be peacefully multi-generational
 - Communication amongst neighbors
 - Diversity
 - Stability
 - Clean and aesthetically appealing
 - Having pride in your neighborhood
 - Need to take time to gather and to share stories & dreams
- Heather Williams (BBN) – please send history & picture of your neighborhood; would like to share the story of your neighborhood on the website
- President's Reports
 - Nicole (Old West End) – held After Dark at Beech Grove fundraising event; sold out 125 tickets; partnered with Minnetrista (provided funerary artifacts)
 - Shelby (Avondale/Thomas Park) – no meeting this month
 - Lynn (Westbrier) – handed out fliers and went door-to-door to talk to neighbors about installing sidewalks along Petty; range of answers but majority were positive; goal is to connect Tillotson and Morrison with sidewalks paid for by grants and public funding
 - Stephanie (Minnetrista) – increasing community involvement by participating in canvassing events in other neighborhoods; participated in neighborhood fall cleanup; purchased t-shirts; working on events for Christmas
 - Rachel & Wayne (Robinwood) – about 180 homes but having some difficulty getting residents to contribute to snow removal fund; neighborhood is in transition – more rentals; dealing with skunk removal, coyotes, etc.; cleaned up islands located in neighborhood; elected new leadership & working to identify block captains
 - Amy (Northview) – 890 homes with good turnout for first few neighborhood meetings; plan to hold elections soon; need sidewalks
 - Lynn & Annie (East Central) – held annual chili supper – watched old videos taken in the neighborhood; Emily Kimbrough house fundraiser “All Things Pumpkin” was very successful; pumpkin run to take place this Saturday
 - Ginny (Carlton) – working to organize this neighborhood
 - Mark (Forest Park) – participated in neighborhood cleanup but the trash truck was re-routed to the White River cleanup; holding a special meeting next Tuesday to plan a toy drive for neighborhood kids (working with the Senior Center and neighborhood churches)

- Cornelius (Whitely) – Shaffer Chapel project raised over \$67,000 and working with Eagle Scouts to do landscaping and work on the parking lot; working to develop a mentoring program; had good turnout for the neighborhood cleanup; working to develop a model community watch program
- Bill (Riverside/Normal City) – helped with neighborhood cleanup; no issues with Village Promenade; participated in the CCC door hanger project (1500 bags distributed)
- Donna (Industry) – were not able to participate in neighborhood cleanup; got requested streets paved by the city; partnering with the Unity Center for a Halloween Party on the 31st – providing food
- Clifford (Blaine/Southeast) – BSU planning students working to develop a neighborhood plan with input from the residents; submitted a grant proposal for playground to be installed in the old Blaine field
- Jason (Ludingwood) – writing bylaws; use NextDoor for neighborhood watch
- Misty (Anthony) – held roundtable discussion at last meeting; city paved two streets that were requested