

Neighborhood Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, March 6 at 12:00 pm | Memorial Auditorium Stage

Members Present: Bo Bowman, Bob Gilmore, John Lair, Ken Ward, Ryan Williams, Mark Newbold, Marnie Schipper, PJ Graham, Kristin Thomas, Sarah Watts, Lacy O'Malley (Virtual)

Others Present: Kim Froman, Dexter Neisler, Matt Bacon, Dustin Strong (Morning Sun), Daron Hall, Denise Fitzpatrick, Jay Byers, Chris Yetzbacher, Sarah Runyon, David Su

Call to Order: Marnie Schipper

- Welcome & Agenda Review
- Guest Introductions
- Review & Approve Meeting Notes - Members unanimously voted to approve meeting notes as written.

1. Final Logo Design

- Sarah presented a new logo design for consideration.
 - o Bob Gilmore made a motion to approve, seconded by John Lair, and motion carried. Official NAC logo approved.

2. Feedback on Neighborhood Map

- Review Draft Map, Boundaries & Names
 - o Marnie suggested online survey or flyers in order to promote engagement with the neighborhood review map.
 - o PJ agreed with Marnie's suggestion.
 - o Jay indicated that there was no rush on the cities' part to execute the map quickly.
 - o Bob suggested adding a message to the water bills.
 - o Kim reiterated that this is not a rush, boundaries are going to be utilized for coordination efforts.
 - o A suggestion was made to divide Lincoln Square neighborhood into two parts by Joplin Street, rename east portion Damarus after Damarus Park.
 - o John expressed interest in cleanup efforts and shared concerns about cars parked in yards.
 - o Ken shared that the new dividing lines in "Old Port East" make a lot more sense.
 - o Kristin said her neighborhood name and boundaries are good.
 - o Ryan suggested the name "East Port" instead of "Old Port East" and asked the purpose of defining this many smaller neighborhoods? Ryan said Countryside neighborhood is good as presented. Suggested combining north central Lincoln into one section. Jay responded that neighborhoods too big can reduce the feeling of ownership from the

neighborhoods themselves. Smaller neighborhoods are conducive to cleanup efforts on the part of volunteers and neighbors themselves.

- Sarah Watts lives in the “Westport” area and had no objections to boundary lines.
- Mark lives in the neighborhood called “Lakeside Estates” and has no objections to boundaries or name.
- PJ lives in “Martin Gardens” and suggested “Northgate West” area is not really a neighborhood because it’s only accessible via the bypass and Broadway Street.
- Bo had no particular feedback on the map.
- Marnie suggested “Twin Lakes” should be divided by Quincy.
- Dustin Strong lives in Lincoln Square and Reporter – major interchanges (Atkinson, 20th, 4th, Quincy, Broadway, Joplin, Rouse) are definite dividing lines in the
- Sarah – residential homes face the middle school on 14th street aren’t included, but should be part of Lincoln square
- Pine to Locust, both sides of Pine, both sides of Locust, 14th to Euclid – downtown area

3. Discuss Goals for 2024

- Every member contributes one goal
 - Marnie – community engagement – awareness, getting people to want to engage with us
 - Bo – tenants rights, education about tenants rights
 - PJ – Events, network, help those who can’t fix up things themselves. Something like hearts & hammers (that has been dissolved)
 - Mark – Encouragement of beautification with residents, tenant right & education
 - Sarah – Elderly cleanups, Greek Life is always looking for volunteer opportunities, youth sports, churches. Quarterly cleanup (by neighborhood? By quadrant?), discount on roll-offs instead of just getting donated.
 - Ryan – Engagement and communication, get some momentum behind the organization and what we seek to do
 - Kristen – Three service organizations at the high school. Trash pickups have become more dangerous, so keeping safety in mind is important.
 - Ken – Beautification & walkability – want to help clean up sidewalks and neighborhoods. Know who to contact with the city to get assistance
 - John – education, who to contact for assistance
 - Bob – Agrees with everything – communication and lack thereof needs to be resolved. Would like to see codes education and enforcement.
 - Lacy – Block parties –
 - Kim – Communication and volunteer coordination is clearly important to the group, so think about what works best

4. Waste Management Utility Discussion

- Sustainability Advisory Committee Chair Denise Fitzpatrick and Deputy City Manager Jay Byers will share an update on current recommendations being considered.
 - Trash collection, a lot of meetings have occurred regarding recycling. Yard waste, large item pick up, items left on curbs.

- Sarah – curbside recycling would be the ideal
- Bob – alley pickup vs street pickup, trash trucks can be too heavy for sewer line systems in the alleys
- Ken – Trash cans are left on the curb, but enforcing trash that is left out is difficult.
- John – Would like to see the city take over trash services in some capacity
- Bob – Limb pickup, bulky items, once a month
- Ken – in the short term, if there was a way to coordinate cleanup in each neighborhood and leverage the NAC as a point of contact for citizens
- Ryan – two guys in a truck mindset – only a few sessions to make a block look much better
- Earth Day Celebration – April 20 (Denise will share details)
 - Denise no organization has scheduled a city-wide cleanup – Saturday, 11-3
 - Kim – Earth Day, 620 day, ArtWalk

5. Questions/Open Discussion

- Filling unexpired term – Appointment of new NAC member
 - John Ketterman officially withdrew as he is unable to make meetings
 - Kristin – Motioned to move the vacancy from the Northeast quadrant to the Northwest Quadrant
 - Bob seconded
- Spring Clean Up?

6. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 3 at 12:00 pm at Memorial Auditorium