



MEETING MINUTES

Neighbors United

April 15th, 2015 from 7pm to 8 pm

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Basement

1. Introductions
2. Committee Reports
 1. NU/Alliance fundraising: On track and ready for another business funding push, we have roughly \$25,000.00 of our goal. We will also need volunteers to help run a door to door for the neighborhood contribution this Spring.
 2. Block Captains: Starting small with a neighborhood clean-up that will take place Saturday the 18th. Timm is looking for volunteers who live on other blocks and would like to work with him to build the network.
 3. Events: Neighborhood Yard Sale and National Night Out are both fast approaching, volunteers are needed for both, so please reach out to Andrew or Noah if you would like to help.
 4. North East Neighbors versus Neighbors United
 1. What are the differences for the two groups, are there opportunities for collaboration, and should we be one group.
 2. Andrew and Noah will be doing some fact finding and we will talk about this more next meeting
3. Lancaster Conservancy Presentation – Fritz Schroeder
 1. Fritz with the conservancy came to speak with us about the state of green infrastructure in the city. The city has decided to head this route and we now have some great examples of projects and can see how they are working to solve our combined sewer/storm system issues. Furthermore the conservancy is looking for new partners for more demonstration projects and would like to know where there are opportunities in our neighborhood to participate.
 2. The conservancy also offers other resources in the community, like their rain barrel program that are directly for individual neighbors. If you are interested in seeing all of the different things they offer their site is: <http://www.lancasterconservancy.org/>
 3. I have also attached the presentation for those who are interested in the details of the program.
 4. Kristen Thomas, our neighbor, has been trained and is working to identify where and what type of trees we should be putting in our neighborhood
4. Litter/nuisance fine discussion

1. As a reminder there is a system in place where neighbors are fined without warning if they do not clear sidewalks in the winter, mow their lawns, clear trash that blows into their yard, or recycle.
 2. There has been a bit of contention here, but when a neighbor believes they have received the fine in error or was not at fault the fines can be appealed - this takes time and you must pay the fine plus the appeal cost, but neighbors can support one another in this process since we know which properties are truly the problem and cooperate the lack of fault.
 3. Though it is not likely we will be able to get a system of warnings in place to protect good neighbors, programs like moving the bike patrols into the area should help. The bike patrol will identify bad properties and hold them to a higher standard so that those properties do not become a problem for good neighbors who have to deal with litter blowing into their yard.
5. Announcements:
1. Please pay special attention to our meeting announcement for May. We will not be meeting at the church, but will be over at 6th Ward Park for a neighborhood game night with the Lancaster Rec.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Noah Miller