



Lancaster Northeast Neighbors United

Board Meeting

August 20th, 2020, 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting: <https://fandm.zoom.us/j/93466628610>

Attendees

Board

- Katie Chaffinch
- *Carl Feldman (absent)*
- Tim Freund - President
- Steve Garner - Treasurer
- Alex King
- Kendra Saunders
- *Aimee Strunk (absent)*
- *Rodney Upsher (absent)*
- Andrew Whalen - Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Tim Freund.

1. [July 2020 Minutes](#) were approved unanimously. - Andrew
2. Treasurer's Report was approved. There is \$2,230 in our account. Future reports will be submitted for inclusion in minutes. - Steve
3. Financial Update - Tim

Online donation form is live: <https://donorbox.org/lancaster-northeast-neighbors-united> and added to our website. We are not actively soliciting donations, but will continue to find meaningful opportunities to work together for worthy causes.

4. Lancaster Neighborhood Grant "Connecting Offline" application status and need for volunteers - Alex

The board received a neighborhood grant for a project called [Connecting Offline](#). We'll build upon Carl's email newsletter and distribute it in paper form on three outdoor bulletin boards throughout the neighborhood and indoor bulletin boards at our local houses of worship.

Bulletin Boards are being built and will be drop shipped by the manufacturer. Sixth Ward Park location by the pavilion was chosen with help of the City and Jack Tracy. A second board will be placed at the corner on the Cemetery side of North Lime Street and Park Ave. The board considered possible locations for the third board, including the vicinity of Park Ave and North Plum Street or Treasures on Franklin Street. Andrew will reach out to

Treasuries about the possibility of placing a 45" x 30" freestanding bulletin board on their property along the sidewalk.

Copies of the current newsletter will be adapted for inclusion on at these locations. Relevant public notices (ie COVID, Census, etc.) will be displayed as well.

SMS system is in the works. No update at this time.

5. STEM opportunities with Science Factory and Ebenezer Baptist - Tim

The Science Factory is running STEM camps this summer, and there are scholarship funds available for students within our neighborhood. Tim has contacted the Science Factory and mentioned our interest in connecting students in need with computing technology.

Ebenezer Baptist is looking to create STEM resources for children in the neighborhood. Tim had a meeting with Rev. Forbes about the project and will be working to help them get up and running.

No updates.

6. Vision Zero update - Steven

The City of Lancaster is joining cities across the world in the Vision Zero movement to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries. To achieve this ambitious goal in Lancaster by 2030, we are working with our community and partners to develop a Vision Zero Action Plan to make our streets safe for all people in Lancaster.

The City is creating a draft plan based on community input.

7. Update on incorporation and non-profit status. - Tim

We are officially a 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit Organization.

8. Neighborhood Organization Outreach

One of our goals for the year was outreach to organizations within our neighborhood. The importance of this was reinforced when Tim met with Ebenezer Baptist: Rev. Forbes said that he missed Neighbors United being in the neighborhood despite us still being around.

Carl started a list of organizations within the neighborhood. Once cataloged we will:

- Make initial contact: provide some info about NNU, ask about their work, offer to keep our eyes and ears open for collaboration opportunities within the city.
- Ensure they get the monthly newsletter.
- Make contact every three months or more often to renew the bond.

Board members can adopt relationships of organizations that are near to them (physically or due to interests).

9. NE Meeting with the City - Alex

We expect to hear from the Mayor's office and City officials in the upcoming weeks concerning conducting a forum for the Board and neighbors to hear directly from our leadership concerning what affects us as a community.

10. Rebel Cause Shelter Update - Carl

Carl's email was shared with the Board concerning the partnership with Rebel Cause, Ebenezer Baptist Church and others connected with helping the homeless in our neighborhood by finding overnight shelter and connections.

11. Friendsgiving - Tim

The annual Friendsgiving event is a great opportunity for neighbors to connect. Patience Buckwalter of Grape Leaf Empowerment Center and Cafe has previously hosted this event. Andrew will reach out to Patience to see how we can partner this year.

12. Composting - Alex

Plans are being made for a City-wide Composting Co-Op with locations in the NE. The New Holland Recycling Center will be our pilot location. We are actively looking for locations and captains to maintain/supervise the compost cages.

13. Annual Meeting and Elections - Tim

What role do I want to play in the next year of NNU? Do you wish to continue as a Board member?

What is your vision for volunteer opportunities? Not everyone wants to serve on the board, but many will volunteer.

Which of my neighbors should have a seat at the table? We must actively work for more diversity and inclusion in our Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03.

Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 22 at 7pm. Tim will invite Board members for a September planning meeting in preparation.