

Meeting Minutes – Revitalizing Neighborhoods Committee 9/15/09

Call to order/Introductions

Present: Gail Heffner; Mike Williams; Paul Haan; Russ Lewis; Frank Lynn; Carol Townsend

Paul called the meeting to order at 9:30

Zoning Project update

Carol reported the zoning project was completed successfully. All objectives were met. Seven or eight people helped do the various presentations. There will be a complete report on project activities at next month's meeting.

International Property Maintenance Code

Neighborhood groups have compared the IPMC and the City code and have found that the IPMC is actually a stronger code in some areas. The current strategy is to agree to support the change and ask that one and two family rentals be certified and vacant properties be registered. This is particularly important during this foreclosure situation. They are developing a position paper and will be meeting with the city soon.

Neighborhood Indicators Project

Carol circulated two sheets; one on "Neighborhood Indicator Project Components" and another entitled "Neighborhood Indicator Checklist". The sheets are to be used when presenting "The Indicators" to potential users. We reviewed both.

The components sheet includes the vision, goals, and definitions of the indicators, measurements and baseline data. The sheet also explained how the data could be used. The checklist provides guidelines for a group to use when using the indicators including a timeline. Gail suggested that a "who" column be added to the checklist to increase accountability and educate Boards on their roles. The sheets are to be used to help explain the project and facilitate involvement in the project.

There was discussion about how the issue of social justice fits as a goal/indicator. The consensus was that it intertwined with all the goals.

The committee decided that the next steps were to educate groups (Boards) about the indicators. Paul suggested that education about the Indicator Project be included in Board Orientations. The Boards should participate in most of the activities.

It was suggested that the Indicators Project including the student report could be presented to the Eastown Board on October 13 at 7PM. Pamela Benjamin, Mike, Carol and Gail would be presenters.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, at 9:30 AM