

Meeting Minutes – Revitalizing Neighborhoods Committee 10/20/09

I. Call to order/Introductions

Present: Pamela Benjamin, John Gussenbaurer, Silvia Harris, Christine Helms-Maletic, Frank Lynn, Chris Thompson, Russ Lewis, Kevin Wisselink, Josh D , Carol Townsend

Frank called the meeting to order at 9:40

II. Zoning Project update

Carol gave a final reported on the zoning project. She had developed a notebook outlining the accomplishments for Dyer-Ives. Many neighborhoods have not been active in zoning issues. Hopefully, as a result of the project they will become more active.

III. International Property Maintenance Code

Gus reported on a meeting with James Hurt, Director of the Neighborhood Services Department. The City is going to replace the current code with the IPMC. A supplemental ordinance can be adopted to include items that are not in the IPMC (ie: dead bolt locks, lead, and window pinning). A group of neighborhoods is recommending supporting the code shift if the City agrees to certify one and two family homes and registration of vacant properties. Additional costs to the Neighborhood Services Department would be covered through inspection fees. Code infractions would also be made civil violations.

IV. Neighborhood Indicators Project

Pamela, Mike (Williams) and Carol attended the October Eastown meeting. The Eastown Board was supportive of the indicators project and will be reviewing and adapting the indicators for their needs at their next meeting. Carol has met with Pamela and Pamela will be facilitating that project. Pamela indicated this would help with Eastown's long-term planning. The Board saw it as a great tool to help document the history and progress of the neighborhood.

Kristi DeKraker will be presenting the indicators to new Board members at the December NOBL Board meeting. Meetings with other neighborhood associations will be scheduled after the first of the year. Funded neighborhoods will be contacted first. 2010 census data probably won't be available until 2012. The Neighborhood Indicators Project could be combined with Building Great Neighborhoods.

V. Other

There was discussion of Untied Growth's current planning effort and how the RNC fits into that process. People were encouraged to attend. Kevin is part of the planning process.

VI. Next Meeting will be Tuesday, November 17 at 9:30 AM