



Neighborhoods Consortium Meeting Notes

APRIL 7TH, 2021-
1ST QUARTERLY MEETING

Facilitators:

James Mueller

Santiago Garces

Alkeyna Aldridge

Dominique Edwards

Marty Mechtenberg

Mike Altenburger

Alix Underwood

David Cholak

Ryan Ryker

Courtney Crew



Neighborhoods Consortium Meeting Notes

APRIL 7TH, 2021- 1ST QUARTERLY MEETING

4.7.21 NC MEETING ATTENDEES

- *Fred Greiner*
- *Denise Wicker*
- *Patty Walsh*
 - *Jason Isch*
- *Charlotte Pfeifer*
- *Marco Mariani*
- *Baye Sylvester*
 - *Fred Teague*
 - *Stacey Odom*
- *Donnie Rogers*
- *Leslinda Wilson*
- *Andre Northern*
- *Juan Constantino*
 - *Pam Meyer*
- *Santiago Garces*
 - *Denise Wicker*
 - *Mark Minne*
 - *James Mueller*
 - *Erik Johnson*
- *Brian Donoghue*
- *Alkeyna Aldridge*
- *Dominique Edwards*
- *Marty Mechtenberg*
 - *Mike Altenburger*
 - *Alix Underwood*
 - *David Cholak*
 - *Ryan Ryker*
 - *Courtney Crew*

Neighborhood Representatives/Alternates

- East Bank Business Association – Representative: **Erik Johnson**
- Far Northwest Side Neighborhood Association – Representative: **Leslinda Wilson**, Alternate: **Regina Williams-Preston**
- Howard Park Neighborhood Association – Representative: **Mary Bundy**
- Kennedy Park Neighborhood Association – Representative: **Viola Sims**
- Lincoln-Bendix Park Neighborhood Association – Representative: **Baye Sylvester**
- Miami Village Neighborhood Association – Representative: **Debra Applegate**
- Monroe Park Neighborhood Association – Representative: **Margaret Pfeil**, Alternate: **Jason Isch**
- Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc. – Representative: **André Northern**
- Near West Side Neighborhood Organization – Representative: **Donnie Rogers**, Alternate: **Andrea Rogers**
- Northeast Neighborhood Council (NENC) – Representative: **Patty Walsh**
- River Park Business Association – Representative: **Fred Greiner**
- River Park Neighborhood Association – Representative: **Carrie Marks**, Alternate: **Cheryl Walsh**
- Rum Village/Oliver Gateway Neighborhood Association – Representative: **Denise Wicker**, Alternate: **Evelyn Gills**
- Southeast Organized Area Residents – Representative: **Fred Teague**, Alternate: **Aja Ellington**
- Sunnymede Neighborhood Association – Representative: **Mary Malone**
- 466 Works – Representative: Charlotte Pfeifer, Alternate: **Sharon Hawkins**
- Northeast Neighborhood Revitalization Organization (NNRO) - Representative: **Lisa Wine**
- Odom Community Developers – Representative: **Stacey Odom**
- South Bend Heritage Foundation – Representative: **Marco Mariani**
- La Casa de Amistad – Representative: **Juan Constantino**

What Do the Neighbors Think?

- ❖ Message from the Mayor: We want to help bring neighborhoods together and to become a forum to discuss how the City can provide resources to better support neighborhood development.
- ❖ Introductions:
 - Erik Johnson- East Bank Business Association- New business association looking forward to seeing how they can work together with surrounding neighborhoods, etc.
 - Baye Sylvester- Lincoln-Bendix Park Neighborhood Association- We have a core group of individuals who are committed to being present and who strive to embrace community and the City.
 - Jason Isch (Alternate)- Monroe Park Neighborhood Association- Interesting neighborhood with many historic homes. Recently had a buy back with Barnaby's to help with small repairs.
 - Donnie Rodgers- Near West Side Neighborhood Organization- Looking forward to seeing what the group has to offer and what we can collaborate on and implement into the neighborhood.
 - Leslinda Wilson- Far Northwest Side Neighborhood Association- Our neighborhood is working on a property development project, helping individuals to become homeowners. We are also hoping to start a home repair network like the Odom Development Corp.
 - André Northern- Near Northwest Neighborhood Association- Hoping to better communicate within the City and to trade knowledge.
 - Fred Greiner- River Park Business Association- We have two associations and are actively working on a neighborhood clean-up.

- Denise Wicker- Would like to have more participants within the neighborhood—working hard to get residents involved with the group, with money coming in and new, beneficial activities being planned.
- Fred Teague- Southeast Organized Area Residents- The perception of the SOAR neighborhood has not been great, structurally, but there have been major changes within the community.
- Charlotte Pfeifer- 466 works is corporation in the southeast side. Have built 5 houses, and by the end of 2021, there will be 13. Our neighborhood encompasses Ivy Tech & the Homeless Center. So far, have only built new homes. Are looking to start a home repair program. We are very proud of the SB school corporation. We have a commitment with them to build a house on the southeast side. Going to have a child development center and other youth development projects.
- Patty Walsh- NENC- We are one of the oldest established neighborhoods. Have been meeting since 1968. We meet monthly, even during the pandemic. We are very proud of the food pantry, which has thrived during the pandemic. We have open-door services for everyone who reaches out in need. Once we can meet in person, we will work with NNRO and have a NNRO2.0 plan, which will address affordable housing, health and welfare.
- Stacey Odom- Odom Community Developers- We started in 2018. Goal is to build homes, but since we started, we have helped with a lot of home repairs. I think we will strive better when we all put our ideas together. We are proud to say we surveyed our neighborhood, and it was their ideas that guided our projects.
- Marco Mariani- South Bend Heritage Foundation- They have helped house homeless people. Long standing community partner. We are excited to get started on some neighborhood plans. We are involved in a lot of neighborhoods.
- Juan Constantino- La Casa de Amistad- We are happy to be part of this development in making neighborhoods better for Latino communities.

Love Your Block Service Catalog

1. Charlotte Pfeifer suggested adding a nutrition/wellness service.

Topics for Future Meetings

- I. ECONOMIC GROWTH
- II. HOMELESSNESS
- III. HOUSING AFFORDABILITY/HOMEOWNERSHIP
- IV. PLATFORM TO VOICE CONCERNS
- V. PUBLIC SAFETY
 - ❖ traffic calming
 - ❖ youth violence
 - ❖ gun violence
 - ❖ drugs
- VI. ASBESTOS IN OLD BUILDINGS
 - ❖ Dreary Brewery
- VII. LEAD IN HOMES
- VIII. PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOODS
- IX. SIDEWALKS
 - ❖ discourage parking
- X. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT
- XI. GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS/PROJECTS
- XII. COMMUNITY USAGE OF MONEY ALLOCATED
- XIII. USE OF CODE OFFICERS – MORE PROACTIVE
- XIV. CLEANUPS WITH DIRECT CITY INVOLVEMENT (DUCOMB CENTER INVOLVEMENT?)

- XV. TRASH CANS
- XVI. BEAUTIFICATION – TREES/FLOWERS/ART/CREATIVE PROJECTS
- XVII. FACEBOOK GROUP FOR NC
- XVIII. BEST PRACTICES FOR NEIGHBOR ENGAGEMENT/BUY-IN/EVENTS.
- XIX. CO-SPONSORED CITY/NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS