



August 2, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom commencing at 6:30 pm

Welcome and Introductions

In attendance: Henry Wash (High Aspirations), Arthur Gough, Jessica Blubaugh, Mark Green, Jon Hile, Brett Creason, Robb Traylor, Rodney Sampson, Stephen Krauska, Josepha Lara-Smith, Ben Payton, Clare Murphy Shaw, Matthew Macchietto, Annie Noonan, Ryan Prescott, Jeff

Old Business

- PIAC Request Follow Up (Jess)

Cherry Street and McGee Trafficway traffic calming proposal by StreetSmarts Design Build: Jess summarized the responses of the questionnaire sent to the neighborhood. Responses are attached. City may have looked at Cherry/McGee and assessed it for a permanent roundabout. Jess to ask Mario.

Mario from city planning said we have \$98,000 left in PIAC funds from previous year. Jon thought we should not use all of that on Cherry/McGee because of the poor performance of the Charlotte speed hump. May need something additional there. Ryan asked about the progress on the Charlotte/Holmes repaving and striping for bike lanes planned a little while ago. Jess to check with Mario. Also plans for 31st street.

- 3000 Campbell Update & Options (Clare)

The property has been calm, so urgency reduced. LCA is not eligible for help from Legal Aid. The private attorney she was asking declined for personal reasons.

Option 1) A developer is willing to do a project there and will use their own attorney. Attorney would file for and represent LCA.

Option 2) Wait for the year and the county will sell it to bidders for outstanding tax.

Option 3) Write an RFP, and have developers bid for it. This option would give LCA the most control over what happens to the property, but would require LCA to hire an attorney.

Rodney asked if the city attorney would represent us. He will make some calls. Clare said that others who have taken this action ask for funds from the sale for community benefit. Another non-profit could also file and take over the property for their use.

Mowing and Maintenance (Robb) – Robb, Greg, and an 80 year old neighbor have been mowing the property. They need a gas-powered trimmer. Brett said the farm has a trimmer they might be able to use. Robb asked if there would be repercussions for being on someone's property and asked about maintenance on the structure. There is a broken window with a small opening. Clare is reporting issues to our community officer. Jess will ask Mario if the city is supposed to maintain the property.

- Bylaws Update (Jon) - Hold until August meeting
- Street Pole Banner Signage (Jess) - Hold until August meeting

New Business

- Center for Neighborhoods Leadership training (Ben). 2 neighbors from LCA are able to attend Cohort 10. See attached for information.
- Neighborhood cleanup on 10/2. Same Saturday as Dumpster Day. Ben will organize clean-up.
- Neighborhood Block Party Save the Date – 9/25 from 4-8pm. LCA usually provides main dish and people bring side dishes. Held at a street closure 3000 block of Campbell. Josepha suggested tracking people in case of COVID exposure.
- Member Dues – See following Communications/Membership Report.

Committee reports

- Communications/Membership Committee (Robb) – Made website enhancements. Removed pop-up box for new emails. Added a button instead. Send any changes to Robb. Will bring up aligning member dues with an annual recurring date at August meeting.
- Planning/Development Committee (Brett) – Brett thought about taking on 3000 Campbell as a project for the Committee. He will discuss with the committee.

Wrap-up

- Robb suggested moving September meeting to 2nd Monday (9/13) because of Labor Day Holiday. Change was approved.
- Finance (Clare) - LCA treasurer's report and Farm treasurer's report approved for June, July
- Minutes (Mark) – Requested Meeting minutes for June, July, and August be approved at September meeting. A discrepancy to check out in June minutes.

Meeting adjourned

Cohort 10 Information

Neighborhood Leaders, Advocates and Residents!

We are pleased to announce that these classes will begin Tuesday, August 31st, 2021 and will run every Tuesday through November 16th, 2021. Classes are held on campus from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner is provided at 5:00 and classes begin promptly at 5:30.

Over the three months, we will address four main topic areas:
Leadership + Governance
Neighborhood Planning + Design
Neighborhood Health + Safety
Technology + Communication

Registration for the Fall classes (Cohort 10) is now open. Courses are provided free of charge for neighborhood organizations. Each organization must register two representatives per neighborhood to participate - in order to help you develop the strength of your organization and build your capacity.

Due to high demand for these classes, the deadline to register will be Wednesday, August 11, 2021, so get signed up now! If classes fill quickly, we will add your name to the Cohort 11 waiting list which will take place in Spring 2022.

Please complete the initial sign-up form at:
<https://forms.gle/n2isqWMJohMjUk2k8>

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