

NORTHSIDE-HESTER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION  
MAY 18, 2008 MEETING SUMMARY

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Augustin, Sonja Berg, Cindy Harner, Nancy Johnson, David Mohs, Joan Rydberg, Kaye Schimmich, Nadine Schnettler, Bob Stewart

PURPOSE: Make Decision about St. Cloud Neighborhood Coalition membership  
Coordinate next steps for task forces

MEETING BEGUN: 1:07

ITEMS PRESENTED/DISCUSSED:

- EARTH DAY CLEANUP REPORT
  - Participation: over the 4 sessions throughout the day:
    - 23 neighbors
    - 32 ALC students
    - 70 J23 7<sup>th</sup> graders
    - 1 CHS student
  - Volunteer Hours: app. 107 hrs.
- ST. CLOUD NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION MEMBERSHIP (SCNC)
  - Shared Info from Membership Registration Packet:
    - Mission
    - Goals
    - Current Programs/Activities
    - Benefits for Neighborhood Associations
    - Board Member Position Description
    - Criteria for Neighborhood Association Applicants
  - Discussion & Vote on Submitting Application for Membership—
    - See as very beneficial for us as a neighborhood organization
    - We a part of a larger community
    - Shared issues across city—senseless to go it alone
    - Wealth of knowledge/experiences to tap into

DECISION: unanimous agreement to submit application—Kaye will complete application paperwork & will ask Kristi to request transfer of \$200 of Initiative Foundation funds to St. Cloud Neighborhood Coalition for annual membership fee

- Representatives to the SCNC Board of Directors (at least 1 representative to attend each monthly meeting—3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m.)
  - Cindy Harner
  - J. J. Helm
  - John Augustin
  - Kaye Schimmich (alternate when available)
- Info from May 15 Meeting of Coalition:
  - have until August to use current grant funds
  - need to submit report on how grant funds used—Kaye will talk to Kristi who already has compiled listing of how funds used, between us, we'll make sure submitted to IF
- GOAL AREAS/TASK FORCES
  - Review of Task Forces:
    - NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION/SOCIAL
      - ◆ COMMUNICATION (start with newsletter, mission statement, explore procedures for election/appointment of officers)—Julie Gaetz coordinator of newsletter, Kaye coordinate writing of mission statement...

(hope to have a newsletter out by end of June so neighbors can be informed of what we're doing/where we're at in process/what we're planning/contact information—Kaye will contact Julie regarding info discussed today)

◆ SOCIAL—Cindy Harner coordinator

- HESTER PARK—need coordinator (asked Joan per thoughts from last meeting, she more comfortable being member but not leading task force)—Kaye will contact individuals from list from Visioning Session to be coordinator or co-coordinator (John Augustin willing to co-coordinate if necessary)
- RIVER WALK—Sonja Berg coordinator
- HISTORIC PRESERVATION—Joan Rydberg coordinator
  - ◆ discussed whether or not should keep as goal area or put on back burner, concern expressed about taking on too many areas at once, would it be better to address this area when we are better-established?
  - ◆ decided to keep as goal area but have focus be educating ourselves & others about what historic designation means—get accurate information, debunk misinformation (lay some ground work before moving to forefront and pursuing more actively)
- HOSPITAL EXPANSION/HOSPITALITY HOUSE—discussion on whether or not want to formalize as organization goal area or leave as is with “core interested neighbors” from north end participating as liaisons in planning meetings
  - ◆ our neighborhood organizing is not about “fighting the hospital,” but an effort to bring neighbors together in more positive ways
  - ◆ that is a more political issue which could be divisive and discourage people from wanting to get involved in our organization at a time when we want to be bringing people together
  - ◆ issue more pertinent to those who live closer to hospital
  - ◆ people participating as liaisons now have been doing so not as representatives from the Northside-Hester Park Neighborhood Organization, but as interested and concerned neighbors who live in hospital area

DECISION: do not formalize Hospital Expansion/Hospitality House as a goal area for the Northside-Hester Park Neighborhood

- Next Steps for Task Forces: (Assignment to be completed before next monthly meeting)
  - Recruit volunteers—start with list of interested people from Visioning Event
  - Meet with task force volunteers
  - Set Goals—briefly reviewed distinction between goals/projects
  - Complete goal/action plan paperwork for association and Initiative Foundation (Handouts given to task force coordinators—info also in training binders or get other copies from Kaye)

• FIREWORKS

- Have not heard back from Carolyn Garven regarding latest
- Cindy's understanding:
  - will remain as has been for at least this year
  - apparently is a safety committee set up by Legion
    - ◆ John Augustin knows Tom Richardson/history of fireworks at Hester Park—will contact Tom to express our concerns/desire for every affected neighborhood to have a presence on the safety committee

• MISCELLANEOUS

- Ideas for Activities (for Cindy's task force to ponder)
  - Parade float for Granite City Days?
  - Root Beer Floats at Hester Park for 4<sup>th</sup> of July? (would need to check into permits, other requirements)

- St. Cloud Living History presentation at Hester Park on 4<sup>th</sup> of July sponsored by us
- Shakespeare in the Park
- Next Meeting Date: gathering of info on time availabilities

ADJOURN: 2:15

NEXT MEETING: (will decide on summer time based on info people turn in—let you know soon)

ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON NEXT AGENDA:

- St. Cloud Neighborhood Coalition report
- Task Force updates (Task Force Report Form/Task Force Goal & Project Worksheet/Initiative Foundation Grantee Action Plan)
- Fireworks update
- Clarification of IF Funding time frames/when we need to start matching funds