

The next **Emerson East Neighborhood Association Meeting** is on
Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 6:30-8:00 pm at
Bashford United Methodist Church, (parking and entrance are at the rear)
All are welcome but in order to vote at this meeting, you must have paid your 2016/17 dues prior to the beginning of the meeting.

We will fit Pennsylvania Park Planning into agenda at a time that makes the most sense for key stakeholders.

Agenda

- Greetings and introductions
- Agenda Review
- Approval of April minutes
- Written Reports
- Updates from Police Dept
- Alder's Report
- Old Business:
- New Business:
- Announcements and Adjournment

Also note that the Sustainability Task force meeting is the hour before the EENA Monthly meeting.

Sustainability Taskforce Report:

We took a break and did not meet in April. We supported the Earth Day Sustainable Saturday Night which was a beautiful concert with local singer/songwriter/teacher/activist, Maurice Smith along with his bass player and fellow vocalist, Kevin Clark.
May's SSN will be on Labor Day Weekend, May 27th. We are not yet sure what the program is but I will send out a notice on the neighborhood email list serve when we figure this out.

New neighborhood sustainability project: Packing Peanut Re-using Project (PPR-UP). Packing peanuts, bubble-rap and other such items are costly for anyone who needs to ship fragile items often. Most of us get these amazing resources when we have something fragile shipped to our homes and then, I'm guessing, many of us just throw them away. Now there is a drop off place where you can leave such packing items. We will make sure they get into the hands of people who could use them and not into our shrinking landfills. Put clean packing materials into a clean and sealed plastic bag (in case it rains) and leave these on the side porch at 205 N. Sixth St. This notice will soon appear on the EENA List Serve and it will go out on Nextdoor soon.

EPC Report:

The EPC is planning to hire a part-time staff member sometime between now and fall. We are continuing to work on strengthening connections with stakeholders in the Darbo-Worthington

Park Neighborhood towards the goal of building citizen participation in this diverse neighborhood.

We are also working on deepening our relations with the Northside Planning Council and with the Oscar Group and plan to work with them towards increasing public engagement in the next transformation of the Oscar Mayer property.

We will be focusing on developing a strategic plan in the next couple of months.

EPC meetings are open to the public and currently are on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6pm. We meet at James Reeb UUC at 2146 E. Johnson St.

Communication Committee Update

By early April almost 90 people completed the "Emerson East Communication Survey". Survey is closed now. Results suggest:

- The most used and preferred methods for communication about and from EENA is Nextdoor and the Yahoo email group.
- A majority of people thinks EENA should NOT take a role in moderating Nextdoor but think that EENA should have a clear presence on Nextdoor to share information.
- Even though Nextdoor is very popular among surveys respondents, despite how heated some discussions get, there are complaints about the amount of emails they receive from Nextdoor and that finding specific information can be difficult.
- Some request to get automatically added to email list.

Based on the results the Committee is considering and/or taking the following steps:

- Look into options of other email list services (e.g., by Google), so we can add people to the list.
- Write a piece for the newsletter with tips for using Nextdoor and for subscribing to other information services (e.g., City email lists). This could be a regular newsletter item, can be reposted on social media, and be used by co-chairs to help neighbors who are struggling. We can also share information on how Nextdoor got started and in how far it's different from the EENA website.
- Offer in-person guidance on how to sign-up and configure Nextdoor account and subscribe to other information services. In-person guidance can be offered during a EENA Social or as a separate event.