

Emerson East Neighborhood Association Meeting
Wednesday, Jan 17th 2018

Present: Indira Ceylan - Chair, Kayne Neigherbauer - Secretary, Chris Heaton, Matthew Clausen, Tim Cordon, Barb Jenkin, Adrienne Sella, Amanda Dusterbeck, Diane Farsetta, Tracey Teodecki, Anne Gassere, Derek McRoberts, Alissa Kendall.

Guests: Harry Irwin, Lorrie Heinemann, Larry Palm, Becky Halpin-Beck

Greetings, Introductions, Agenda Review

Approval of December Minutes

- Chris moves to approve December minutes, Diane seconds, approved unanimously as published.

Written Reports and Updates

- Reports are accurate as published.
- Indira is looking for help with advertisers, email her to help with newsletter and/or advertising.
- Rate sheets are on EENA website.
- Chris motions for board to each take time to visit at least one EE business to give them advertising info. Amanda seconds. Approved. Board members signed up to visit businesses and drop off sheets.

Graaskamp Park

- Guests: Lorrie Heinemann & Harry Irwin, Madison Development Corporation (owns and manages park). They are an affordable housing business, looking to renovate and improve the park in the coming years. Open to our ideas, suggestions, and concerns regarding accessibility, design, usability.
- Barb - For historical context, the digger tool grant EENA worked on had Public/Private partnership problems/delays. Digger tool still in operation and sees a lot of use.
- Harry - maintenance staff is only 2 people for all of their properties.
- Amanda had concern about Garlic Mustard. Harry said they have recently hired a company to take care of landscaping duties.
- Needle concerns (maybe 1 was found long ago. Harry has never found one in ten years.
- Alissa - thanks them for letting public use the park. Sandbox issue, maybe use pea gravel. Brought up the unique nature of the park, willingness of neighbors to help out on a potential work day or similar.
- Possible liability concerns in the past? Lorrie will ask their lawyer about this and potential for future work days/neighbor help.
- Call 256-2799 ext 220 for maintenance issues to report, leave a message. They will be updating their website.

- Lorrie - Has gotten some angry voicemails from neighbors about various concerns, but never with contact info. She will respond if you leave info!
- Indira - What is the process for the redesign?
- They will come to us with some ideas and can give input back. Money will then need to be raised.
- Look into neighborhood funds to help out possibly.
- Barb - EENA could be mouthpiece and get people power for work days and support for this.
- Anne - For the Carry Ct mural, EENA invited people to donate money, maybe the same for this?
- Lorrie says they will come back within the next 2 meetings.
- Amanda expresses concerns about giving money to private company. Neighbors often don't follow through on volunteering to help etc.
- Matt - What about just helping out coordinating work days etc?
- Anne thinks there is some sort of trust for that park. We will investigate.

Pennsylvania Park Public Art Update

- 3 finalists presented, we still have until 23rd to send comments in to city arts commission.
- Mockups/models are at Hawthorne Library, presentations are on the city arts commission website. Emailed comments will be most helpful, but comments are verbally accepted at the arts commission meeting the following Monday.
- Talk of how to send comments in.

Alder Report

- Rumours of bringing Ella's carousel to public market.
- Oscar Mayer site - developer may be able to rent out space there.
- Monthly meeting times will be announced soon for the Oscar Mayer Strategic Assessment Committee.
- Possible demolition? - Now owner would like to try to fix HVAC etc to rent out/resell. Idea to maybe use factory floor as parking ramp instead of work area.
- Larry thinks the owner will simply figure something out to do with it without the committee/city's help.
- City wants development along street instead of parking.
- Office use would need 1000 parking spaces. Road routing/accessibility/bicycling options etc.
- Barb expressed concern about viability for tenants - i.e. buildings on the way to the airport are always for lease.
- Larry suggests growth potential with the site could help its marketability. Size and scale of site is helpful, possibility of multi-use building/site etc are advantages.

412 North St

- Tim - Andy couldn't come. Neighbor looking to do some demolition. He wants to build a second story.
- Larry doesn't like to stand in the way of single family to single family building permits/etc so long as zoning etc is fine. Andy was hoping to get EENA support.
- Tim said Andy had the city reject his idea. He may want our support to help with zoning appeal board.

Future Guests

- Indira/Chris - Candidates for spring elections have contacted us. Judge/school board races. Organize a forum? This might be lot of work to contact other candidates to be fair.
- Officer Dex - offered to talk about the Gun Forum and summarize.

Announcements

- El Sabor de Puebla did receive a liquor license.
- Crimestoppers will be at the next meeting
- Young Gifted and Black representative for Council of Communities ideas.
- Tim - Sustainable Saturday Nights - New Years Revolution - Last Saturday of the month. Food, speakers, etc.
- Amanda - Help for seniors, idea for the newsletter. Any article highlighting anything helpful to seniors.
- Indira - Maybe Dex can write an article for newsletter?

Adjournment via Indira