**Noble Neighbors**

Meeting: *December 2, 2014*

At *Bethel Church, 2706 Noble Rd.*

**Minutes**

1. Opening Announcements
   1. Barb is taking meeting notes

Donations for building use – (average of $30 so far contributions per meeting)

* 1. Perennial garden maintenance plan - Barb
     1. Update on beautification committee: A thank you gift was sent to Janet Kious, During the winter we will organize for spring cleanup prior to April event
  2. Noble Neighborhood flyer – Gretta
     1. Update on pamphlet: improvements were made based on our feedback. The pamphlet is now published and is used in the Cleveland Heights Relocation packet.
  3. Meet Your Police – Thurs. Dec. 4
     1. 1st Thurs of each month at 6 - 8pm. Attendance encouraged. Low attendance may mean this may not continue in our neighborhood
  4. CWRU project begins in February
     1. Project with Case Western. Social work survey starting in February
     2. Students will be paired with residents to access condition and use of properties
     3. 4 areas of study: Youth, businesses, housing, and safety
     4. We will receive report at our April meeting
     5. This will give us hard data for grants and projects.  City council makes decisions on grant money available. For Community Development Block Grants a citizens advisory is involved.
  5. January meeting – Barb
     1. We need to tell our story and to remember a year of progress.
     2. Meeting will be January 6 at Pete’s Tavern at 7pm
     3. Eat dinner before at Pete’s at 5:30 and raise a glass in celebration as we have a meeting.
     4. We are working to get the story out - sun press, pd, heights observer, a press release - two volunteered to contact media
  6. CH Council observer report
     1. Budget discussions at year end...talk of funding cuts of up to 2.5 mil.
  7. Monticello-Noble Business District
     1. New restaurant/ hooka bar has replaced B’You. The name is 4Play. No liquor license.
     2. Awnings, sidewalk, and window repair made with grant money from the city’s storefront renovation initiative to the whole building that includes 4Play.
     3. No news on total demo of Clark station...date tbd, but gasoline tanks have been removed.
  8. Arts in the neighborhood
     1. African dancing at Noble Library

1. Noble Neighborhood-Wide Home and Yard Sale on April 26, 2015 – Constance
   1. Home and yard sale handout distributed
   2. 1st step is to interest vendors and shop owners to agree to promote and donate food or events
   3. 2nd step is to distribute fliers and talk to neighbors while case workers and residents do their assessments
   4. Ads need to be placed for all homes in paper and urged for all realtors joining on the realty fair
   5. Have a garden tour of community gardens and private gardens
   6. Push city to encourage checkers to see if realtors are dissuading buyers from our area...heights community congress does this and are picking up the pace
   7. Use media to post news and events (facebook, next door, etc)  
      thanks for this advice by realtor attending the meeting
   8. We would benefit by knowing where houses are to ensure activities. Always changing but may know tentative list by a week before
   9. Heights Garden Network effort: coordinator is making a PDF map of gardens
   10. Jeff Coryell is working on a features map
   11. City services need to prioritize cleaning so we are spic and span - needs to be put on their calendar
   12. City needs to be urged about Clark station lot which is still privately owned and can be used for activity, band
   13. Sign up for coordinating yard sales, music, activities
   14. Central location for realty fair would be police academy
2. Looking to the future – plans, projects and potential
   1. Neighborhood street leaders organization – neighborhood groups
   2. Barb volunteered to head this committee.

Next meeting: Jan. 6 at Pete’s Tavern