**Noble Neighbors**

Meeting: *August 4, 2015, 7pm*

At *Oxford Community Garden*

**Minutes**

1. Oxford Community Garden - Permaculture Project – Tom/Phyllis/George
   1. Building soil “lasagna” style – cardboard, wood mulch
   2. Low maintenance, adds to community garden
   3. Beautification and demonstration - goals
2. Opening Announcements
   1. Donations for water use
   2. Note-taker need
   3. Meet your police, Thursday, Aug. 6, 6-8 at the police academy
   4. Ist Tuesday in August is annual “Night Out Against Crime” is tonight. Berkeley Road neighbors in Boulevard Group observe this each year
   5. CHPD is hosting a community event tonight at the Community Center – games for kids, food, demonstrations of dogs and equipment, t-shirts
3. Board Membership – Reaching Heights is looking for new board members
4. Tuesday, Aug 25, 6:00 – 7:30 Wine Spot meet the candidates forum – get free ticket on line
5. Business Cards for Noble Neighbors – distribute them, write your name on them
6. Future Heights grant – we’re eligible because several of us attended the leadership development seminar series, up $1000 per grant. Need group to brainstorm project ideas
7. Planning for next Spring/Summer community event – need committee to start now
8. Noble Neighbors organization in the future – what’s next? CDC? 501 (c) (3)?, legal structure, sign up
9. Oral History project – Mary Weems is continuing to share their oral histories. She will record the stories of willing story-sharers before our next meeting.
   1. Few participants, will change method: at NN meeting, 3 words to kick-start project
10. Group Reports
    1. Beautification – sign up to tend the 4 perennial gardens
    2. City Council attendance – we need someone to co-ordinate our attendance - Gail
    3. Business group – Juanita Low – Noble Road business present
    4. Landlord/Tenant – group met to determine if some neighborhood rentals are not registered with the city. This group will become a model for other street groups to determine rental status in their areas
    5. Public Art – Bill
    6. History: Bill
    7. Back to school fest – Judi, Christie, Sally:
    8. PTA – get ready for September – Cynthia and Willy: Build relationships with PTAs to help support collection of school supplies. Noble Road Presbyterian Church is a sponsor for Noble School. Links with social workers. Start Right Church is sponsor in Caledonia area.
    9. Litter – Judi: Several initiatives going, will meet again in August
    10. Bus Shelters: Gail – working with RTA to install new shelter on Noble
11. Gratitude – One Clap Kudos

We recognized people and projects that are contributing to our new neighborhood narrative

1. Speed Dating
   1. Robin: Concerned about Noble School closure. Sign up to follow this topic. Population seems to be here/sense of community/property value effect. Front porch meeting with Brenda
   2. Susan: Welcome and orientation to Neighborhood – block captains?
2. Small Group Time
   1. Host a block party this summer
   2. Never pass up a lemonade stand

Next meeting: TBA