**Noble Neighbors**

Meeting: *July 7, 2015, 7pm*

At *Denison Picnic Shelter*

**Minutes**

1. Welcome new participants!
2. Opening Announcements

Donations for Picnic shelter rental - $25

Meet your police, Thursday, July 9, 6-8 at the police academy

1. Wine Spot events to meet candidates – July 21 is the next event, topic is Economic Development. Julie Love, one of the candidates, attended our picnic before this meeting. She is running for council on one issue – not raising taxes
2. 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.
3. Gratitude – One Clap Kudos

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

1. Group Reports
   1. Beautification – Barb: sign up to tend the perennial gardens
   2. City Council attendance – we need someone to co-ordinate our attendance
   3. Business group – Helen: Communicating with City Planning Director about the Noble corridor; communicating with landlords around Mayfield/Noble regarding redevelopment; communicating with CSU and CWRU faculty about economic development projects for students
   4. Oxford Community Garden – Judi: Permaculture project resumes July 11, 10am – 1pm; Class for kids on beneficial bugs and bug boxes with Home Repair Resource Center at the Oxford Garden on July 18
   5. Montford Community Garden – Peggy: spaces are still available
   6. 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
   7. Public Art – Bill: Contacted HeightsArt and other groups that might be interested in a project in Noble; considering vacant city property as potential sites; inventorying potential mural sites; looking for more people to join the effort; would like an art installation by next Spring
   8. History: Bill: Noble has agricultural beginnings; Bluestone and sandstone was quarried locally for sidewalks and building foundations; natural brooks and ravines are still visible; Cherry Hill was the name of a vacation house and area around Yellowstone and Noble
   9. Back to school fest – Judi, Christie, Sally: Supporting success in our public schools; taking ideas from other cultures that have Knowledge Day to excite children about all they will learn this year; would like to supply tutors from the Noble Neighbors to the schools; would like to participate in the clothing drive for Noble School, want to support the library
   10. PTA – get ready for September – Cynthia and Willy: Met with Krista Hawthorne of Reaching Heights to better link community to the schools; will work to connect with each PTA and attend the first meeting of the school year; we need to attend school board meetings
   11. Litter – Judi: our neighborhood is looking better, thanks to all who are picking up litter, let’s identify hot spots for litter so we can request garbage cans, report what has been left behind on curbs on trash days, create an education program in the schools around litter prevention and environmentalism, reach out to corporations about packaging design.

(The meeting was stopped at this point due to threatening skies)