**Noble Neighbors**

Meeting: *June 2, 2015, 7pm*

At *Start Right Church*

**Minutes**

1. Welcome new participants! – About 6 first-time attendees from Caledonia
	1. We are a group of neighbors who are working on changing our story, being ready to tell the exciting things going on in this neighborhood
2. Opening Announcements
	1. Next month at Denison Park Picnic Pavillion – outside: 5:30 – 7:00 BYO Picnic
	2. Ticket Raffle for Cain Park tickets
	3. Jeff took meeting notes
3. Rev. Hicks – Start Right Church neighborhood programs
	1. Hunger center
	2. Summer Bible Camp – feeds kids lunch all summer
	3. Program for kids to mow vacant lots, teaches entrepreneurship
	4. Home Depot provides building materials for homeowners
4. Sarah Sutherlin and the Business Group
	1. Shop on Noble: Fabulous Finds resale shop
		1. Traffic doesn’t slow
		2. Lighting and sidewalk issues
		3. Children need support
			1. All day at school playground
			2. Running amok
			3. Need summer programs
			4. Has provided pizza lunch for kids at playground
			5. Has provided bathrooms for children
	2. Cherise McGregor –Serenity Beauty Shop on Noble
		1. Purchased home on Parkdale in neighborhood in 2009
		2. Invests in real estate
		3. Has medical transport business
		4. Needs more help from commercial landlord
		5. Needs better storefront
	3. Gail is working to get businesses on Noble into network
		1. Why is city blocking bus shelter addtions? RTA says it will provide
		2. \*\*\* City is not blocking – RTA will study ridership
5. Gratitude
	1. Marty Artzberger – Bremec fund raiser
	2. Rick Wagner and City of Cleveland Heights – Roanoke/Noble lot
		1. Big thanks to the city for razing the gas station eyesore and installing landscaping
6. Group Reports
	1. City Council attendance
		1. 2 at council last night, Aqua Ohio LOI tabled
	2. Oxford Community Garden
		1. Judi and Tom: Permaculture expert
		2. Oxford Garden is partnering with HRRC, Gibson/Johnson on permaculture program
		3. June 6: basic soilbuilding program – lasagna method
		4. Neighbors will help plan garden in the fall
		5. Partnership with GE Nela Park
	3. Landlord/Tenant
		1. Kay, Audrey, Brenda: Need for property management company in neighborhood
		2. Must address out-of-state (and out-of-country) landlord issue
		3. Provide legal assistance to tenants
		4. Helen: helps to know who good landlords are
	4. Public Art
		1. Bob: considering partnership with Heights Arts
		2. We want murals and other public art
	5. Noble and Glenwood – Gail
		1. Gail: wants to explore possibility of new community gardens, especially for Nepali
	6. PTA – get ready for September – Cynthia
		1. Need liaison for PTAs at Oxford, Monticello and Caledonia
		2. We need to be present at the first meeting of the school year
7. Speed Dating
	1. Helen: Ap 26 – we didn’t plan publicity well enough, need to improve for 2016 event, need marketing capital, let’s make a Noble Neghbor car magnet for a fundraiser – community identification
	2. Kathryn: June29 – July 3 Hope Lutheran Church will have summer camp, bring lunch, ages 6-12
	3. Cynthia:June 12, 6-8pm, Strawberry Festival at Noble Road Presbyterian Church
	4. Home Repair Resource Center: June 18 Judge is speaking at College Club, 2348 Overlook Road, 7pm, about housing issues
	5. Maureen: Artisan’s co-op in the area – knitters, jewelry crafts
	6. Kathryn: Hillcrest Band playing June 30, also area-wide rummage sale
	7. Mekisa Yasinow: have a booth at other neighborhood festivals in Cleveland Heights to introduce Noble Neighbors, could distribute magnets there
8. Small Group Time
	1. Host a block party this summer
	2. Never pass up a lemonade stand
9. Ticket Raffle

Next meeting: July 7, 2015, 7pm at Denison Park Picnic Pavilion