**Noble Neighbors**

Meeting: *November 3, 2015, 7pm*

At *Central Bible Baptist Church*

**Minutes**

1. Welcome new participants!
2. Opening Announcements
   1. Donations for CBBC
   2. Note-taker: Susan
   3. Meet your police, Thursday, Nov. 3, 6-8 at the police academy
      1. Kudos to the CHPD for police presence and candy distribution on Halloween!
3. Meet the Candidates event – feedback discussion:
   1. Format was good
   2. Getting questions to candidates ahead of time was good
   3. Learned more about candidates than at other events
   4. Hope to continue to relate to new council members
4. Carol Roe - council candidate
   1. Expressed thanks to all for support during her campaign
   2. Encouraged Noble Neighbors to continue attending Council meetings and Council Committee of the Whole meetings
   3. Recommended new ways to strengthen our committee that attends these meetings and relationship with council members
   4. Encouraged Noble Neighbors to volunteer for city committees and commissions
5. May 14-15 discussion and organization
   1. Two day event to catch both businesses and realtors
   2. Realtors may rent Rocket Car
   3. Gardens could be a tour attraction – community gardens and homes
   4. Perhaps have some homes open a la Heights Heritage Tours to showcase residences of each type in the neighborhood – bungalow, ranch, colonial, etc
   5. Include anti-litter component
   6. Musicians and willing to perform
      1. Perhaps attach them to the business districts to attract customers
      2. Perhaps use the new park at Roanoke/Noble as a performance space
      3. Owner of Fairmount School of Music is willing to participate
      4. Caleb Wright – local gospel performer is willing to sing
      5. Ask Academy Music
      6. Kay is willing to head this effort
   7. Invite Noble Library to participate
   8. Yard sales are essential to attract people to the area
   9. Gail is willing to head the effort to contact businesses and help them imagine ways to participate
   10. Susan will take a Heights Observer delivery route to facilitate communications with businesses
   11. Advertising on social media is critical – need additional help to do this
   12. Perhaps reprise the parade? Or at least the elements that made it a neighborhood unity event in past generations
6. Gratitude – One Clap Kudos

We recognized people and projects that are contributing to our new

neighborhood narrative

* 1. CHPD for being present and passing out candy on Halloween
  2. Carol Roe for representing the Noble neighborhood in her City Council campaign
  3. Noble Road Presbyterian Church for hosting us on our Meet the Candidates event

1. Group Reports:
   1. Barb/Jeanette/Susan: Grant-Beautification
      1. Great meeting with the FutureHeights grant subcommittee. They knew about our efforts and asked how to support us in other ways
   2. Cynthia/Gail School connections
      1. Cynthia is attending PTA meetings for Noble, Oxford and Monticello schools
      2. Monticello School has such positive energy in its PTA
      3. Noble School is very strong and active. They appreciate our attention and involvement. The Nepali are very involved.
      4. Oxford School is restarting with new parent leadership and a new principal
      5. We can participate in fund-raisers for the schools and with clothing donations for students
   3. Gail: Litter of advertising sleeves to driveways:
      1. City Council is aware that residents consider the unsolicited ad drops as unsightly litter and as safety concerns when dropped on vacant properties. They signal empty properties
      2. The Sierra Club and NEO Regional Sewer District consider these as litter which impact the lake ecology
      3. Residents can call to cancel the delivery of the ads to their homes
   4. Tom: Permaculture Project at Oxford Garden
      1. The project at the Oxford Garden is expanding wonderfully. The team is building additional beds and initiating new projects.
      2. Join the project on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Oxford Garden for an additional work session
2. Speed Dating
   1. Brenda: January celebration
      1. Jean, Larry, Barb, Kay and Jeanette will determine a venue and format
   2. Cynthia: Noble School PTA is hosting a fundraiser. Noble Neighbors can contribute to a gift basket that will be auctioned

Next meeting: Bethel Church