**Noble Neighbors**

Meeting: *December 1, 2015, 7pm*

At *Bethel Church*

**Minutes**

1. Opening Announcements
   1. Note-taker need - Carol
   2. Meet your police, Thursday, Dec. 3, 6-8 at the Police Academy
2. Congratulations to Council Person Elect Carol Roe!
3. Group Reports:
   1. Jan. 5, 2015 Celebration plans
      1. Community Center Meeting Room 2
      2. Sign up to bring a dessert
      3. We will tell each other the stories of our work together this year
   2. Beth/Wendy: Grant-Branding
      1. FutureHeights grant committee is meeting Dec. 4
      2. Will solicit volunteers to design logo for us
      3. Will use grant funds to print signage
   3. Gail/Cynthia: Schools
      1. Joined Noble School Care Team
      2. Looking for tutors for children
      3. Looking for winter clothing
      4. The Noble School principal expressed appreciation for our involvement
   4. Gail: ShopCLE advertisement sleeves
      1. CH Law Director has contacted ShopCLE distributors who will cease delivery to 44118. Residents need to continue to complain to Shop CLE about unsolicited ad sleeve deliveries
   5. Gail: Nepali support
      1. Every Tuesday the Nepali gather at Noble Library through US Together for support services. Volunteers are still needed.
   6. Gail: City Council attendance
      1. Sign up to attend City Council meetings on behalf of Noble Neighbors
   7. Gail: Thanks to Jeff Coryell for his work on City Council, especially on behalf of the Noble Neighbors!
   8. Barb: Thanks to funds raised through Marty’s initiative last Spring at Bremec Garden Center, we were able to purchase daffodil and hyacinth bulbs to plant in each of our 4 public perennial gardens
4. Gratitude – One Clap Kudos

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

1. Organizational Planning and Goal Setting
   1. Observations about our organization so far:
      1. Many groups that start in response to crime don’t last. It is remarkable that ours is two years old and going strong
      2. Our members are willing to live with ambiguity as we dream well beyond our immediate ability to implement great ideas
      3. We are an all volunteer organization – this is a strength as well as a bit of a weakness
   2. The Noble Neighborhood assessment is a student class project
      1. It is not a dissertation or professional study
      2. Therefore we need to respond to it for what it is
         1. Several people looked at our neighborhood and organization for a few months. This is what they observed.
         2. There are several overarching themes around which we can make goals
   3. Group Discussion:
      1. Some neighbors have unique needs and need to be in smaller groups
      2. Have meetings of small groups or meetings of smaller geographic/neighborhood groups
      3. If smaller groups then large meeting can occur quarterly
      4. Spring Event – May 14-15, 2016 Community Wide Home and Yard Sale brings the community together
      5. Street clubs were pivotal to integration.
      6. CH Community Relations office does provide support through helping to facilitate block parties and does disseminate information
      7. We are a very organic organization
      8. We are a group of people who take a positive approach
      9. Goal: Increase participation in Noble Neighbors by adding at least 10 streets unrepresented next year
      10. Build on our May 14-15 event goals
      11. Goal: increase participation by renters
      12. Recognize that we have a number of single parent households
      13. Goal: work on replacing trees on tree lawns – city will help
2. Speed Dating
   1. Thanks again to Jeff Coryell. He donated a new red canopy tent. We can use it to host outdoor events
   2. Pursue getting more trash cans near bus stops
3. Connection Time

Next meeting: January Celebration!