



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NWRAPS Board Meeting – January 9, 2018

Board Attendees: Alan Duesterhaus Mark Peters Brian Anselmo

Non-Board Attendees included: Anthony Chapple, Deidra Palmour Gorton, Curtis & Malinda Jackson

Call to Order at 7:00 pm.

Brief discussion about a recent City sponsored Neighborhood revitalization initiative meeting, and the focus was on 'Quick Wins'. One interesting fact was that there are approximately 700 empty lots across the city.

Alan started the meeting by breaking down City issues vs. Neighborhood issues – City related issues tend to be on a broader spectrum, including crime/drugs, jobs, and education; whereas the issues/ plans on a more local Neighborhood basis, such as what we are focused on need to be presented to the city, and some thoughts on topics of importance include:

- Reduction of lanes on Monroe Street to reduce speed.
- Increase Oakwood commercial area of development.
- Rehabilitation of 'worthy' houses.
- Planting of legacy trees (link to Arbor Day).
- Creation of a bike path from the West End to the lake.
- More standard bus transit schedule.
- Utilization of CHDO funding – instead of prior focus on single family ownership, look at possibility of including rentals.

Along these lines, need to document and advertise a neighborhood plan that includes a broader approach than individual improvements. The plan would need to include overall intent, what we are doing to move forward, and how to partner with the city to make a difference.

Thoughts are to use the Nextdoor NWRAPS site as a vehicle to gain more local residents' input into such a revitalization plan. Alan indicated he would start drafting a document to start the process.

The addition of a weekend meeting was discussed as a way to allow more opportunity for local residents to get involved, and Alan is going to pursue a meeting date of Saturday, January 20, in the 10:30am range. More particulars to follow, and will be added to the Nextdoor MWRAPS site.

Board Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectively Submitted, Brian Anselmo