



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NWRAPS Board Meeting – November 14, 2017

Board Attendees: Alan Duesterhaus Jim Hendren Mark Peters
 Brian Anselmo

Non-Board Attendees included: Anthony Chapple, Larry & Becky Nave, Curtis & Malinda Jackson

Call to Order at 7:00 pm.

This meeting was intended as a forum to attain input from local residents for input into the City revitalization initiative.

There was a Neighborhood revitalization initiative meeting that occurred last week; there are nine groups; Neighborhoods and inner city neighborhoods were segregated into separate groups.

Alan indicated he wants the neighborhood to be considered a place where people want to live.

Thoughts/ Issues Discussed –

- Are guidelines being enforced?
- Absentee landlords – many have local managers, but the City tends to want to deal direct with the landlords.
- Preservation/ restoration of brick streets.
- Creation of a Millikin tie to French Academy, similar to the one with Dennis School.
- Reduction of train horn noise levels.
- City addressing empty lots with methods other than adding liens.
- Homesteading – obtain empty lots/ homes for free within certain ownership parameters.
- TIF district options.
- Availability of grants to aid in preservation efforts.
- Improve local aesthetics – associate with Beautify Decatur initiative?
- Getting realtors more interested in the area.
- CHDO money is available, but the administration requirements are cumbersome.

There seems to be some confusion regarding the difference between the West End and Near West Side

What institutions are in the West Side area?

Central Christian Church; Staley and Mueller Museums; Oakwood Business Association; Millikin Homestead; Ogelsby Mansion; African American Museum

Should the area be referred to as the Museum District, or Millikin Heights?

Board Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectively Submitted, Brian Anselmo