

Super Neighborhood 22 Meeting
April 20, 2017
MINUTES

Attendees: Jack Valinski, Jane West, Jennifer Markey, Jim Von Suskil, Karen Mattern, Kathy Vossler, Mike Vandusen, Paul Benz, Paul Nicosia, Ross Mattern.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Paul Nicosia

Discussion was had regarding problems with **trash pickup** in the Super Neighborhood. Problems were identified as: (1) City not picking up heavy trash; (2) Trucks that are broken - (4 out of 12 trucks in Magnolia Grove are out of order; (3) Residents putting out heavy trash too early. (4) The West End has ~10 illegal dumping sites. Neighbors have called in the problems and reported them on the 3-1-1 app. We were advised that we should call and report solid waste issues. Problem is - the city cannot always locate the trash, because the 3-1-1 app is not tied into HCAD.

Infrastructure Problems - The West side of the SN 22 has been experiencing backed up sewer lines. The East side of SN22 has been experiencing sewer odors and similar problems. It was agreed to try and have someone from PWE come to speak at the next SN22 meeting, to discuss the impact that increased density and use may be having on our infrastructure, specifically the storm sewer and sanitary sewer. It was also suggested that we specifically invite members of City Council.

Bike Lane Priorities - between now and next meeting, review what was passed, vs. last year's plan. Look for discrepancies. Also, compare our priorities to the city's priorities. The Bike Plan identifies the pilot projects.

Nominating Committee Report - The Nominating Committee, consisting of Mike Vandusen, Jane West and Meg Poissant, met. All existing officers are term-limited. The Committee made the following recommendations for 2-year terms: President: Kathy Vossler; Vice President: Mike Vandusen; Secretary: Paul Nicosia; Transportation Committee: Paul Nicosia; and Web: Steve Vealey. The election of officers will take place at the May meeting.

Discussion was had regarding increasing neighborhood participation. Present at the meeting were 1st Ward, 6th Ward, Crestwood, West End and Magnolia Grove.

Super Neighborhood 22 suggestions for **housing the homeless**: Discussion was had regarding options within District H and District C, per the direction from city Hall. Should be accessible to Mass Transit; Not near a neighborhood. Discussed the Salvation Army model, as it is practiced on Washington Avenue, vs. as it is practiced in Near Northside. Discussed possible involvement of area churches to spread out the homeless population and address specific needs individually.

State Legislature items that take away Home Rule - Uber; Pension; Historic Designation; Frackin; Bathroom Bill. Action Item: Call Carol Alvarado regarding concern over the Historic Designation, among others. Discussed **Management District**, including past efforts, businesses

and developers. Need to look at the size / area. Formed a committee to further this issue: Jane West, Kathy Vossler and Paul Nicosia.

Future of Downtown meeting - Thursday, 6:00 p.m. at MECA. They are looking for public input regarding connecting our neighborhoods to downtown. Asked that everyone commit to getting people to come to that meeting.

Kathy Vossler made a Motion to **Approve minutes** from the March meeting. 2nd by Jane. Motion passes.

Paul Nicosia requested a copy of the Neighborhood Forms that are being sent to the city. He announced that the **Transportation Committee** would meet once per month.

Planning Commission presentation by Mike Vandusen - Two Applications were presented this period. One for Shepherd Drive and one for Durham. The application for the Compounding Pharmacy was pushed back one meeting, then approved. The other application was for a ten-ft setback. The city rejected it, and said it required a twenty-five foot setback. At past meetings, there were applications on 3 town home developments. (1st Ward on Ovid; Old West End; and another in the Old West End). All were approved. In the 1st Ward, 1300 Block of Shearn, there was a Minimum Lot Size Application. The property was replatted, but the replat was not recorded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.