

PAYNE PHALEN DISTRICT FIVE PLANNING COUNCIL

STRONG  SAFE  WELCOMING  CONNECTED  NEIGHBORHOODS

Meeting Minutes Neighborhood Action Committee November 16th, 2010

[Present: Sheldon Schwartz, Al Oertwig, Bob Klicker, Jimmy Gerding]

Staff: Patty Lammers

Welcome and Introductions/Agenda

Sheldon noted this meeting would be focused on reviewing the accomplishments of the past year and identify projects/ideas for next year.

Year in Review

- Patty showed a brief PowerPoint presentation she made highlighting NAC's major accomplishments for the year.
- The group reviewed a list of accomplishments for the year: including promoting community gardens, boulevard gardening, the Eastside Pride Picnic, the Heritage Park Opening, community events and volunteer recognition.

Ideas for Next Year – 2011

Boulevard Gardening

- Conduct a more coordinated effort to pick up free plant materials especially around the Bailey's pick up day, have general Eastside pick-up location
- Hold series of workshops around boulevard gardening
- Distribute brochures about boulevard gardening and encourage it in the neighborhood.

Community Gardens

- Find ways to encourage events in the gardens like the poetry slam, and the opera, but in all the gardens not just Gateway
- Look at vacant lots and see which could be used for gardens
- Recruit new garden leaders for new gardens
- Create a support group/meeting group for area gardeners
- Find a neighborhood leader to take on maintaining and planting the clubhouse garden at Phalen Park, work with Parks and Recreation on permission to do so.
- Coordinate a community garden tour

Events

- Continue to participate to support local events like Dragon Festival, ESND's Greenfair, and other events as they may arise
- Continue to hold the Eastside Pride Picnic in August

- Develop a Family Fun Day event at the Heritage Park

Other ideas

- Host a paint the pavement workshop
- Send more representatives from the neighborhood to the Sustainability Conference
- Obtain a PA system for District Five if possible in the budget
- Continue to recognize people who are making improvements to their property that build up the neighborhood.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.