

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS
BOARD MEETING
Financial Plus Credit Union/ East 29th and Euclid St.
April 22, 2017 9:00 a.m.**

Attendance: Tania Hunt, Linda Westergaard, Norm Kamm, Shelly Rodriguez, Valerie Madison, Paul Sadler, Lawrence Malmin.

Tania called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Sadler had handouts that he shared. The agenda for the April 24th meeting has been sent out. Guest speaker is Callie Le'au Courtright (Parks and Recreation Supervisor). She will talk about volunteers and events in July with the Parks and Recreation Department. Callie has added Tania to her newsletter list and she will share with the rest of us.

Valerie suggested that we send Connie Bosen a card to acknowledge her honor in receiving the Louise Noun Visionary Woman Award. Connie will accept the award tonight at the Young Women's Resource Center's annual fundraiser event at the Capital Square Atrium, 400 Locust St. Everyone agreed if Tania got the card, we would all sign it.

Valerie has a friend that lives in the Fairgrounds neighborhood who will come to the meeting on Monday. She is unhappy with her neighborhood association.

Linda Westergaard is working on organizing the Neighborhood Association Summit that NENF wants to sponsor. She will have information on Monday.

Linda has given 400 flyers with information about NENF to Peggy Patrick in the Triangle Neighborhood area. Peggy will distribute them to her neighbors. They want to organize into a recognized neighborhood but meanwhile, they can be active in NENF. Jeff Witte has expressed interest that he wanted to incorporate that area into the Fairmont Neighborhood. Bob Mahaffey was responsible advancing the park in Fairmont Park. It is getting a splash pad, slide, walk way and other amenities.

Earth Day Trash Bash – was yesterday. Linda helped at Sargent Park, Riverview, Birdland and today is Belle Turner cleanup in Highland Park (East 8th and Madison). She said Ben Page has been very generous with the East Side parks and we get our fair share of attention and improvements.

Sadler provided handouts about book sale at North and East Side Libraries, request for items to put in the East Side Library display case, information about lead mitigation grant, and the Neighbors Night at the Heritage Carousel. All this information is available on the UPNA Facebook page. He also said the UPNA Spring General Meeting is May 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ding Darling Shelter. Things are happening in Birdland – Rock the Block event and ten homes will be built in one week along Watson Ave. A newsletter will be coming out soon.

Lawrence Malmin shared three letters he received from companies who want to buy his house "For Top Dollar". Lawrence also provided a list of concerns and suggestions. Discussion ensued.

Sadler announced that Officer Scott Baker has an auto reply that provides Officer Brooklyn Budd's phone number. It is apparent that he is out for an extended time due to his heart and may not return to duty.

Valerie has lots of cookies to sell.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Submitted by Paul Sadler for Marge Ramsey