

4<sup>th</sup> District Neighborhood Planning Council  
March 17, 2009

The meeting began at 6:30pm.

Location: Community Service Building Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by President Ms. Beverly Bell.

A sign in sheet was circulated, those in attendance were:

Beverly Bell-4<sup>th</sup> District NPC President  
Geri Lewis-Loper-4<sup>th</sup> District NPC Secretary  
Tina Robinson-4<sup>th</sup> District NPC Treasurer  
Tom Ford-City of Wilmington  
Barbara Washam-Community Resident  
Kathy Denhart-University of DE  
John Burton-Contractor  
Jack Marshall-Contractor

The minutes from the January 27, 2009 meeting were read and accepted without any corrections.

Ms. Bell introduced Mr. Tom Ford of the City of Wilmington Department of Real Estate and Housing Department and a member of the Eastside Blueprint Team.

Tom explained the City Disposition Program, along with an explanation of the contractor process utilized for property bidding. He also introduced two representatives from the construction company Amex Associates, Jack Marshall and John Burton.

Mr. Marshall and Mr. Burton shared pictures of city properties that their organization has revitalized and explained the 5 year home ownership retention policy. They expressed an interest in working with this group in revitalizing some Eastside properties.

A list of vacant properties in the 4<sup>th</sup> District will be supplied by Tom at the request of Ms. Robinson.

Along with distributing the NPC News Letter, Ms. Bell also discussed and circulated information on the 4<sup>th</sup> District Pole Banners. Ms. Bell also stated that our District is in great timing for revisions and to utilize dollars from last year's unused funds.

A vote was taken on the preference of wording on the banners.

The choices are Welcome with trees (5 votes)  
Welcome to the Eastside (0 votes)

The tentative list which was previously developed is:

<b>4<sup>th</sup> &amp; Church Sts.</b>	<b>Lombard &amp; Taylor Sts.</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; Spruce Sts.</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> &amp; Lombard Sts.</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> &amp; Lombard Sts.</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; Locust Sts.</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> &amp; Lombard Sts.</b>	<b>Taylor &amp; Spruce Sts.</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> &amp; Lombard Sts.</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> &amp; Walnut Sts.</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> &amp; Pine Sts.</b>	

Following a discussion, it was decided that Tina and Beverly will re-identify the poles for banner placement and report at the next meeting.

Beverly reported that she has re-applied for the Freedom of Information Act Report. Her initial request could not be located at the City County Building Law Office. The report will substantiate all finances for the 4<sup>th</sup> District NPC.

Kathy requested an explanation on the proper use of the wording East Side vs. Eastside. It was explained that the correct spelling is Eastside.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Victims Vigil will be held April 15, 2009 at DE Tech in Dover.

Beverly will meet with Urban Promise on Friday, April 20, 2009.

Wilmington Clean Sweep will be Saturday, May 30, 2009.

#### **Additional New Business:**

It was suggested that the Chairs of Neighborhood Civic Associations be invited to the 4<sup>th</sup> District NPC to discuss the history, plans and activities of their civic associations.

**Next meeting May 19<sup>th</sup>, Room 107 in the Community Service Building.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

