

Cool Spring/Tilton Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2010

Attendees: See attached list.

1.) Welcome

2.) Announcements

- Food closet at Mother Africa Church- becoming part of the Food Bank of DE food closets, drop off donations on Tues. and Thurs. 10-2pm at the Church
- Community Health Care Access program- brochure distributed
- Flyer about March for Nonviolence- 1/18/10, 1:00 starts at St. Paul's Church, started many years ago by Former Councilman Junior Ortega
- Sunday 9:00 at Tilton Park there will be a demonstration on How to Prune Bushes and Trees by the Del Center for Horticulture

3.) CSTNA Meeting Ground Rules

- Follow Agenda
- One speaker at a time
- Respect
- Keep comments/questions to subject
- Presentations will be given and followed by questions and comments
- Comments will be written on chart paper and posted
- Meeting Ground Rules will be posted during each meeting.

4.) Reports

- Regency Health Care is following up from presentation last time...waiting for electrician
- Ursuline Carriage House working group includes Paul Calistro, Clara Zahradnik, Jen Trickey, Sally O'Byrne, Dann Gladnick, Ray Banker, Richard Korn, Marie Ferrier, John Bonk, and Chuck Ryan.
- New Ingleside Working Group is forming
- Doggie Park- Alfred Lance will provide update at a future meeting
- Community Benefits committee- following discussion of Clear Wire proposal (Alfred Lance and Chuck Dorman) planning to meet with Ingleside to discuss how community may benefit from the income generated for Ingleside...to use for projects benefiting community
- Clarification from Robin Kusumi regarding a letter sent in October to the State Historic Preservation Office by Clear . Letter is to SHP office...but Representative was referring to the zoning app, Wilmington revue committee
- Demolition by Neglect committee- Members who volunteered for the committee include.- Connie Smith , Dann Gladnick, and the Rittenhouses. City Planning Dept is working on analysis to help guide future proceedings, looking at example legislation from other cities and how they handle historic districts. The report may head to the housing committee by the end of the month. How does Demolition by neglect differ in historic district vs. not historic district? Clara- has seen the examples in historic districts only. Preservation is the focus – citation procedure includes options to fix it or demolish it. The purpose of this effort is to try to change the demolish it part of the citation process.
- Clear® update on the request to place satellite dishes on the Ingleside roof- review with the ZBA is scheduled for January 27.
 - To summarize the information presented in December. There will be 3 antennae installed on the roof of the Ingleside Building. There are already towers on the roof. Clear® will provide High Speed Internet service. Each tower will face a different

direction to provide for service in sectors. The towers will not be higher than the existing structures.

Questions, Comments, and Answers

C: Clarification from Robin Kusumi regarding a letter sent in October to the State Historic Preservation Office by Clear®

A: Yes, there was a letter sent to State Historic Preservation Office in October. As of the last meeting, there had not been applications for zoning approval or the Wilmington Revue committees.

Q: Is Clear® doing the Wi-Fi in Philadelphia?

A: Not Wi-Fi but the network did recently launch in Philadelphia.

C: I do not mind the antennae on top of Ingleside.

C: I only recently noticed them after the last meeting.

C: I heard it is not as fast as Comcast.

A: Will be faster than Comcast.

Motion is made to vote on the question of support.

16 voted in support of towers.

0 voted in opposition

5 abstained

Q: What about the pending Community Benefit idea?

C: Does not seem like we have a case.

- **Green City Initiative- Presentation by Andrea Kreiner**

- Mayor Baker set goal of reducing emissions from the '08 levels
- Looking at City operations emissions but also the city as a whole
- Trying to partner with businesses to pledge to reduce emissions
- Presentation is for the purpose of talking to citizens on how to reduce their carbon footprint and how to save money for the household
- Trying to educate people on how to operate cars more "greenly"
- Contracted to work for city on this project
- City Website has a climate page, soon there will be ways to get information on tax credits, rebates on energy efficient appliance, sustainable energy utility, carbon calculators to see how you are impacting environment.
- 2 Brochures distributed- Reducing Your Carbon Footprint, Green Driving Tips for Wilmington
- Appliances are key ways to save energy; they use 40% less than 10 years ago.
- Trying to eat with the seasons can reduce the amount of energy required to produce food. Where do you buy food, what are you buying? For example, an organic bag of lettuce from CA will cost so much more energy than it will provide in food energy to the body.
- Highland Orchard on Foulk Rd. is a local farm, Little Italy Farmer's Market in the Spring, Summer, and Fall are some suggestions for finding locally grown foods.
- Try not to use the plastic bags.
- Using common sense can reduce the amount of energy you use. Ie. Filling the Tea Kettle-just fill what you need to save on gas and water.
- Vampire devices-draw electricity when they are not in use. Unplug appliances when not in use phone chargers, other appliances, if there is a light on...they are using

electricity take a look around your house to identify some appliances that are constantly drawing electricity.

- Check city website periodically for updated information.

Questions, Comments, and Answers

Q: Is there a cash for appliances (clunkers) program?

A: Energize Delaware.com (sustainable utilities website) check on these programs periodically to find out about new programs. The field is continually changing.

Q: Are Energy Star Appliances more efficient than other models?

A: Not necessarily, be sure to check the Yellow/Black energy label to compare the numbers.

C: Not a great savings to replace an old inefficient fridge with a slightly more efficient one, or to put the old one in the garage.

Q: Is a Home Energy Audit a good idea?

A: Yes, this is an example of a Green Job, Auditors will use multiple tests to generate a report identifying areas in your home needing improvement, and other recommendations and cost benefits for ways to save energy in your home. Typical cost is approximately \$500. Often recommended improvements are inexpensive. Kassie Gray had an audit done in her home and found it worthwhile.

Q: Where can you find a company in the city to conduct a Home Energy Audit?

A: Check the Sustainable Energy Utility website.

C: Tax credits and rebate offers for insulation and other home improvements can be found on the IRS website.

Further questions can be emailed to:

greencity@wilmingtonde.org

5.)New Business

- Ellen Priest who lives near 7th and Van Buren reported that some properties are in the process of being converted from multi-family dwellings back to single family homes.
 - We need to get a group to meet with Jessica on a regular basis to create systematic approach to problem properties including police for our neighborhood in this meeting. This Sub-committee can meet with L&I and others and then report back to the CSTNA on progress.
 - Judy Fardoulis meets with the Hilltop Working Group – includes LACC, Hilltop, Police, L&I, etc.
 - Ed Weirauch will Chair the committee, Ellen Priest and Jim Dolan volunteer as members.
 - Clara- in past sat down and identified prob. Prop compared with the L&I list...
 - Residents should help compile a list of problem properties, let Ed know about an area of concern.
 - Put on Review list for the neighborhood. This list can be check out with L&I and Police.
 - Previously suggested, Tenant Outreach Committee- no one signed up, let's see how this approach works.

- Little Italy Neighborhood Association meetings include -Mayor's office, Police, Fire, Fire Marshall, Public Works, L&I, These meetings are not monthly but having all of these departments represented is helpful.

C: It seems that when several depts.. are in attendance, action gets taken.

Q: Could we assemble such a forum for one of our CSTNA meetings?

Q: Would it be a good idea to move the forum type of meeting to Ingleside's Downes Center?

A: This will be put together for March, hopefully.

C: Can be an informal gathering in the usual meeting space at Regency Healthcare.

C: As a neighborhood, residents would like to communicate the position that we want to see programming for the kids by the Parks and Recreation Department.

C: Quality of life issues seem unimportant to city.

C: Establishing a closer relationship with Police is better for our community.

C: The more we lobby, the more response we will get.

Attendees
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**Brian Leffler
Kassie Grey
Ed Weirauch
Ellen Priest
Judy Fardoulis
John Fardoulis
Terry O'Byrne
Connie Smith
Barbara Dunn
Bill Dunn
Thelma Brown
Harold Burke
Joanne M. Burke
Robin Kusumi
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