

NENA Planning Meeting 5-26-09

Location: Nicki Kirkeby's House

Attendance: Jim and Linda Jeffries (Oscar is their dog Section D Leader), Deanne Fusco (Newsletter Coordinator), Sara Hesch (Treasurer), Trish Hermann (Social Chair), Dorothy Frazier (Section B Leader), Gini Sater (Secretary), Nicki Kirkeby (President), Barb Simpson (Section B Leader), Mike Sanders, Mary Andreson (Section C Leader), Ginger Baron (Flag Coordinator and co-founder of NENA)

Mission Statement Review

Do we need any review or enhancement?

The purpose of the NENA is to preserve and enhance the historic character of the North Encanto neighborhood and to improve the quality of life of its residents by creating a safe, vibrant and engaged community.

Ginger moved and Mike seconded. Ayes get the vote. Board approves.

Point of Pride

What should be qualifications?

- Exterior only.
- Keep open to everyone.

Discussion about increasing the number of times we award the honor. Discussion about purchasing of more gift cards. Jim Jeffries will head up and ask for help from section coordinator.

Blight Strategy

There was a lengthy conversation about the best approaches to dealing with neighborhood blight. The group acknowledged that we will continue to have problem houses, and those we should work with through the city. On homes where someone may be going through a hard time, we should offer some support as good neighbors. Perhaps we can create a neighborhood volunteer corps, and post something saying we're looking for projects. Gini to write something for it.

We also decided to establish a good neighbor award to recognize those who work hard to help support their neighbors. Jim is going to write an article about this.

Homeless in the Alleys

Homeless people in the alleys along the area north of Thomas. West of 15th Ave. West of 15th Ave to north of Catalina to Earll is a good example of graffiti/art.

Two homes or places along 18th Ave and Mulberry and there is an issue with group homes. What can we do about it? Nicki to call Tom Simplot's office.

Block watch sign and private property notice. Can we check about signs saying private property, get out. Nicki to check with city.

NENA Web site

Lisa to work on it.

Can she remove the shooting information.

Newsletter

- Use of sandwich board to promote items in addition to newsletter. Who is going to check on this.
- Drive to get email addresses.

Events

Ice cream social. If don't win, we will still host. In Saturday, October 10.

Super block sale. Saturday, October 17.

Canned good donations. And also before Thanksgiving. November 14.

Arts and Crafts show. How would we do this and make some money. Ask other neighborhoods how they have handled them and raised funds. Trish to ask Palmcroft. Nicki has asked Willo.

Gini to ask FQ Story how they handle it.

Other fundraisers. Sweet Tomatoes.

Nicki to write article about the arts and crafts event. Mike and Jim will edit.

Ginger to write to Ed Pastor about getting a blue mailbox.

Trish is still the social chair. Draft a letter. Can Susan Thompson let Trish know about new home owners to welcome them.