



Neighborhood Advisory Council Meeting NOTES

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024 from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Memorial Auditorium (Lower Level Room B1)**

Members Present: Marnie Schipper, Sarah Watts, Glennis Peck, Mark Newbold, Kristin Thomas, Ryan Williams, John Lair, Bob Gilmore

Others Present: Jay Byers, Kim Froman, Sarah Runyon, Troy Graham (City of Pittsburg), Dustin Strong (Morning Sun) Trudy Hanson (Citizen of NE Quad) Michelle Broxterman (Countryside)

Members Absent: Lacy O'Malley

Call to Order 12:08pm – Marnie Schipper or Lacy O'Malley

- Guest Introductions
 - o Ryan brought Michelle Broxterman K-State
 - Update on Countryside Park Project
 - o Trudy Hanson from NE quadrant joined to learn
 - o Jay Byers
 - o Troy Graham
- Agenda Review

1. Review/Approve Last Meeting Notes – Action Needed

- Motion to Approve
 - o PJ motioned (as written or with changes)
- Second
 - o Ryan seconded
- All in favor / Any opposed
 - o Approved

2. Open Discussion – Quadrant Issues, Concerns or Bright Ideas (5 – 10 minutes)

- Marnie suggested idea about the Neighborhood Group Leader Network
 - o Rental options for block parties, movie nights, programming
 - o Brought the City of Englewood example to review
- Ryan discussed the need for a volunteer database and assisting neighbors
- Bob discussed the concern with getting rental neighbors involved rather than just owner occupied

3. GOALS – Discuss goals for 2025

- Homework - Each member please bring at least one goal we can achieve in 2025.

- **SMART Goals:**
 - **Kristen - Door Hangers introducing the NAC**
 - Create and distribute within neighborhoods
 - Michelle thought that would be a good way to gather communication and contact info
 - **Marnie - Central communication for each quadrant**
 - Facebook and a webpage for everyone
 - Ryan thought we need a central location to spread awareness and have discussions
 - Create sub committees for initiatives
 - **Mark- suggested a “Welcome Wagon” from NAC**
 - Sub-Committee that would identify welcome bag
 - Issues- what do we do with students?
 - Bob thought welcoming everyone equally would improve the neighborhood pride
 - **Glennis - Door hangers seem overwhelming but what about street signs?**
 - **PJ - Creating partnerships with other community organizations and education for sidewalk reimbursement. Sarah has a list of community organizations**
 - **John- Cars on sidewalks and opposite sides of streets, trash in alleys, enforcement is a problem. Speeding on Joplin Street is out of control.**
 - Sarah asked what can the NAC do to assist with these concerns?
 - **Bob - work on getting quadrants and neighborhoods organized**
 - Follow up on what we are doing or when we need city staff to come to meetings
 - Requested a set of talking points together
 - Sarah suggested that is another sub-committee
 - **Sarah - Partnering with groups for volunteers**
 - NAC@pittks.org email to communicate
 - **Sarah Runyon - ATAB Connectivity for the community**
 - Motion to pursue affiliation with ATAB- Bob
 - Seconded by- Mark
 - All in favor voted
 - **Jay Byers suggested that we would need an ordinance to merge the two**
- **PRIMARY PURPOSE**
 - **Education**
 - **Communication**
 - **Coordination**
 - **Initiation**
- Sarah suggested that we get the word out more and get into the community to put the NAC out there
 - Need to be able to leverage more people within the community to help achieve goals
 - Need to take a step back and figure out the basics for the other communities that aren’t Countryside
 - Suggested a NAC Day and a gathering event to start getting interested people together
 - Where does the funding come from?
- Marnie wants to get the network started to have a long-term goal for the Englewood process

- Bob thinks what we need to do is back up a bit and start with individual groups to have a meeting
 - o Have a Meet Your Neighbor Event coordinated by the NAC
 - o We must get people to trust each other
- Glennis asked the group what is our primary communication method? What are people using for getting information out?

4. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 8 at 12:00 PM – **Memorial Auditorium**

5. Adjournment – Action Needed

- Motion to Approve - Marnie
- Second - Sarah
- All in favor / Any opposed