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Jump Start Coalition

9/24/2015

6:00pm – 7:00pm

NLR Community Center – 2700 Willow



Updates

1. ACTION ITEM – email Mayor Smith and your Aldermen and tell them you want the Jump Start improvements included in the 2016 budget
2. Wendy Gregan is going to build us a Jump Start Facebook page! Thanks Wendy!
3. Park Hill Elementary – there are no active developers or buyers currently, we need to attract developers, potential buyers will need to rezone and City Council will demand it be designed in a way that aligns with the overlay plan
4. Wendy Gregan and Bill Robishaw are going to help write the script for the promotional videos being made for Park Hill and Levy. If anyone else is interested or has ideas please let Jenna know. We plan to host this video on the Jump Start website and on social media and design it in such a way that we can use it in a variety of ways and highlight different aspects of the Jump Start project.
5. Bernadette and a small committee wrote a small grant to fund wayfinding signage for the Levy Trail. Jennifer has a great event idea for the kickoff of the wayfinding signs called the Chicken & Waffles Pajama Party! We have not heard anything yet on whether we have been selected, but I sure hope we are!
6. Bernadette has added a calendar of events on the Jump Start website, so please let Jenna know if there are community events that you would like her to add to it.
7. Bernadette reported that the cash match required for the design phase of the Park Hill and Levy street improvements are 20% of the project totals. Levy = \$71,346 and Park Hill = \$103,500 for a total of \$174,846. Robert Fureigh would like to be involved in the RFQ and RFP process that Metroplan is undertaking on the behalf of the City of NLR.
8. Park Hill would like to host another walkability event in the near future to finalize areas of concern between A and H Avenues and to work on connecting the parks. Bill Robishaw is the contact.
9. The idea of each of the Neighborhood Association's completing a sidewalk inventory and prioritizing needs came up as an improvement strategy that would help us prepare for the major street improvement projects coming and how to best leverage those resources.
10. PHNA has a garden committee and they are always in need of help at the parks (planting, weeding, watering, etc.), so if you are interested contact the association through their Facebook page to get the contact name for the committee.

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What's coming up?

1. Neighbors United for Levy meeting – the normal meeting is being postponed in favor of attending the National Night Out on Tuesday, October 6th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm in the Levy Baptist Church parking lot
2. Park Hill Neighborhood Association – also celebrating National Night Out from 5:30 – 8:00 pm at Idlewild Park
3. Park Hill Business and Merchants Association – hosting the 2nd Patio On Park Hill event October 29th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm in the Lakehill Shopping Center
4. Levy Business Association is hosting a Levy Fall Fest in the Kroger parking lot on October 22nd from 4:00 – 8:00 pm
5. Next Coalition meeting – We will be attending the I CAP Interstate I 30 community meeting as a group on Thursday, October 22nd from 6:00-7:00 at the Friendly Chapel instead of our regular meeting.
6. Trinity Lutheran is hosting a Campfire Weinie Roast at their church on November 21st from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. All are welcome.

Strategic Planning

1. Goal 1 –
 - a. Lawmakers were mentioned as a group that we should target to become involved in the Coalition.
2. Goal 2 –
 - a. Obj – Perform sidewalk/trash/signage/landscaping/walkability inventories and create priority lists (Kendall Steinmetz)
 - b. Obj – Begin planning for JFK Blvd / Camp Robinson street improvements (Kathleen Lambert, Robert Fureigh)
 - c. Obj – Plan cross organizational projects and events (Neighborhood Associations and Merchants Associations)
 - d. Obj – Promote and support beautification projects (Wendy Gregan)
 - e. Obj – Partner with NLRPD / NLRFD / Code Enforcement to brainstorm ways to improve community safety (Wendy Gregan, Mitchell Simpson)
 - f. Other ideas
 - i. List of available properties with specs, prices, and property contact info (Kendall Steinmetz)

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- ii. Small home repair program – Jump Start Your Block project, based on Rock Your Block by Habitat for Humanity, use ‘block captains’, get landlords involved, pay it forward to the next block, partner with neighborhood leadership council, HUD has a list of volunteer groups (Margaret Powell, Kendall Steinmetz, Wendy Gregan, Debi, Bill, Jared, Jerry, Jennifer, Mitchell)
- 3. Goal 3 –
 - a. Obj – Assist with grant writing for street improvement funding from Metroplan (John Gregan)
- 4. Goal 4 – (Maisey, Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development)
 - a. Other ideas
 - i. Recruit restaurants to expand into Park Hill and Levy (Margaret Waters, Wendy Gregan)