

**Near North Neighborhood
Meeting Notes
8/4/14**

Present: Ryan & Chris Burg, Tom Binder, Ray & Joan Beck, Jane Cole, Keith Leistekow, Nancy Maring
Chad Pelishek-City Planning, Penny Weber-Sheboygan Neighborhood Pride, Diane Wilcenski-Sheboygan
Neighborhood Pride

Discussed at the meeting, which was held at the First Presbyterian Church on North 5th Street, beginning
at 6:30 pm, is as follows.

What do you think are good things about your neighborhood?

1. History of the area and architecture found
2. Lake Michigan
3. Schools are close
4. Parks – End, Cole, Vollrath
5. Churches in the area
6. Great neighbors
7. Close to downtown
8. Are able to walk to a lot of places
9. Restaurants in the area

What things about your neighborhood do you think could be improved?

1. Have an alley light turned on
2. Appearance of the neighborhood
3. The number of rental units – renters don't care for their properties
4. There is a disparity of income of the residents
5. Dog owners are irresponsible

What is a "stakeholder"? Who would be "stakeholders" in your neighborhood?

Stakeholders are those in the neighborhood who have a vested interest in what happens in the
neighborhood and are therefore affected by what goes on in the neighborhood and at the same time
can do things to have an impact in the neighborhood.

1. Neighbors
2. City workers / the city itself
3. Churches
4. Schools
5. Businesses

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If you had a group of dedicated neighbors working together, what types of projects could the group do to help improve your neighborhood?

1. Block party – get to know your neighbors
2. Block watch – watch other neighboring properties and report suspicious activity
3. Neighborhood cleanup
4. Educate neighbors about resources and rules

How could “stakeholders” be utilized to help with your projects?

1. Communication
2. Clerical help
3. Host a meeting
4. **Donations – cash and in kind**

Why would it be advantageous for a group of neighbors to form a recognized association?

1. When dealing with a neighborhood problem, there is a comfortable feeling when more than 1 -2 neighbors see a problem and wish to work on a solution.
2. A group of voices is listened to more readily than a single voice
3. The Mayor’s Neighborhood Leadership Council will have funding through the city in 2015 to be able to give grants to neighborhoods for projects. In order to be eligible to receive a grant, a neighborhood has to be recognized by the City.
4. Sheboygan Neighborhood Pride can offer fiscal agent services to recognized neighborhoods, such as provide 501(c)(3) charitable organization benefits to those who come under their umbrella. In addition, it would provide a bank account and check writing services along with raffle licenses

The group decided that they would like to meet again on **October 13, at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church on North 5th Street** to discuss further how they wish to proceed.

If there are any questions, please contact Ryan Burg 458-3011, burgfam@sbcglobal.net as he will be one of the lead neighbors in the Near North Neighborhood.

Penny Weber
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Meeting note taker