

# WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES

**Wednesday, November 11, 2015**

6:30 PM @ Welcome Center, Kendall Yards

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**Attendance:** Arielle Anderson, Steve Corker, Kelly Cruz, Ken Cruz, Naomi Flaherty, Shari Frankovic, Kay Howard, Steve Kounkel, Harry Lawrence, Kimberly Lawrence, Jake Miller, Jessie Norris, David Reynolds, Helen Sandifur, Ben Sedgwick, JoAnn Stewart, Don Swanson, Larry Swartz, Sarah Tosch. Members-to-be and Guests: Morgan Thomas, Brian Thomas, Samian Horner, Jolly Chebruab, Neal Schindler, Elizabeth Martin, Jae Colvin, Daniele Ghebreab, Marshall Cuthbert, Dustin Shupp, Jobie O'Neil, Milena Robison, Charlie Byers, Justin Mauger, Kenton Profart, Calvin Coblentz, Holly Clausin, Phyllis Gabel, Steve Smith, Laura Smith, Debra Park, Scott Grayban, Larry Sarff, Todd Clark, Justin Frankovic. Excused Absences: Kevin Brownlee, Judith Gilmore, Stephanie Swan, Mike Brakel, Jen Hussey, Laura Hathorn.

Called to order at 6:34pm

## **Welcome and Introductions**

### **Approval of November 11 Agenda**

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. It was approved.

### **Alcohol Impact Area (AIA): beginning the discussion - 10 minutes**

It was suggested to bring in representatives from East Central Neighborhood to speak to us around why they enacted an AIA, the fears and concerns surrounding it's creation, and how it has worked out for them.

It was moved, seconded and approved to move discussion of the AIA to a special meeting in January.

### **Legacy Nettleton Funds - 15 minutes**

Jessie Norris introduced George Dahl to inform us regarding our legacy funds. He informed us around how funds are allocated and managed. Please see attached "Reallocation Briefing: November 11, 2015" attached. It was moved to move the Nettleton Triangle Legacy Funds to the Ash Street Station. 16 Yes. 2 No. 1 Abstentions.

The above motion frees up money to be allocated to the other CDBG Projects we funded in September. Cal Coblentz, executive direct of Sinto Senior Center made comments on how his organization could benefit from further funding. We will call for a vote regarding allocating these funds at a future meeting.

### **West Central Community Center Report - Jo Ann Stewart**

Jo Ann informed us that work is going forward on their Building Dreams fundraiser.

### **Standing Committee Reports – 5 minutes**

CDBG - no report beyond the Nettleton Legacy Funds discussed above.

Community Assembly - Arielle Anderson informed us around efforts at the city level regarding how sidewalk repair is managed. The city is considering handling the CDBG funds for sidewalks versus letting the neighborhood councils manage this funding. A neighborhood council vote will be necessary on this in the future.

Communications Report - fund us on Facebook and Nextdoor!

Treasurer - \$2.00 for spent for printing this month

Parks - the committee is continuing to discuss Dutch Jake Park and security of this park. They meet the third Wednesday of every month, at the Community Center, 6:30pm. They welcome anyone interested in discussing parks in our neighborhood.

West Central Urban Fun Committee - no report.

Bylaws Committee - Charter - we will be working on the bylaws in sections and will be sharing these sections as we have drafts ready.

### **Special Elections for CDBG Chair, nominations from the floor - 5 minutes**

Jo Ann Stewart, Vice Chair, asked for nominations from the floor three times. Jessie Norris was nominated. There were no further nominations. It was moved, seconded and approved to elect Jessie Norris as the CDBG Chair. 15 voted yes. There were no responses for “no” or “abstaining”.

### **Sarff Investments Project Discussion: Council Woman Karen Stratton, Skyler Oberst, and Donna de Bit in attendance**

Council Woman Karen Stratton, Skyler Oberst, and Donna de Bit, from the city as well as Larry Sarff of Sarff Investments were recognized to provide us with information regarding the proposed carwash on the block bordered by Ash, Gardner, Maple and Boone. They have been in business for 30 years, mostly in the valley where they have been involved in schools, fundraisers, etc. Larry Sarff stated they gave affected West Central residents a 41 day notice. He said they have offered residents moving assistance such as moving vans and muscles. They are not evicting anyone. They purchased 15 total properties. Some were abandoned or vacant. They will use the space for an express carwash. He referenced other businesses they have put in such as Tommy’s Carwash ([tommyscarwash.com](http://tommyscarwash.com)). A resident of one of the houses that did not sell on the block expressed concern that once the houses are empty homeless people will move in. Larry Sarff assured him they would fence the property once the residents are gone. Also, he says they plan to do demolition this winter. They plan to install a very low decibel system for the carwash. There will be three entrances and three exits. The entrances will be on Boone, Ash, and Maple. And exits will be on Boone, Ash, and partway down Gardner, according to current plans. A question was raised regarding the security deposits of the residents. They will receive 100% of their deposit back. A resident brought up the issue that she as a resident doesn't want a car wash here, however, as it is coming, what will be the efforts for environmental impact and traffic? He states as a business he will have to follow all the city requirements. A resident asked what other businesses he has. His other business names are Broadway Court Estates, MegaWash Express, and Sarff Systems. A resident asked how this will benefit the neighborhood. He states that as a family, they will be involved in the neighborhood. He states it will provide twelve jobs. Also, he plans to hire neighborhood residents, though he will hire who ever applies. Karen Stratton spoke to how there will be a traffic and environmental study. Donna de Bit from City Planning said the alley vacation process will likely take the longest. There are requirements he must meet for the alley vacation. If it moves forward, there will be a public hearing regarding the alley vacation. She spoke to how the new Neighborhood Notification Ordinance works. Under this ordinance, neighborhood chairs will be notified earlier in the process. A resident applauded Sarff for seeking to move three vintage homes from the block. He also asked, specifically when residents would receive their deposit back. They will receive their damage deposits back when they move out. A resident asked whether water would run off into the streets. He answered that it is not an external water system and this should not be an issue. The point was raised that he had no reason to keep the damage deposits until they move out due to the fact he will be tearing down the buildings. Sarff stated his concern should he need to haul a large amount of trash out of houses before demolition, Sarff and Karen Stratton spoke to the fact that they have funds available from the city to help the people move.

Correction: it was pointed out that a comment was omitted from these minutes. This was a comment expressing concern for the safety of neighborhood school children attending North Central High School that walk Boone and Gardner. With the addition of six driveways for the business, which people will likely be hurriedly driving in and out of, those kids may face an increased chance of being struck by a car. At the meeting, Larry Sarff stated that they could put in speed bumps or take other measures to protect our children's safety.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Naomi Flaherty, Secretary