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2016 Annual Membership Meeting

Monday, March 28, 2016 at 6:30 PM

**Location: Rock Island Police Department Community Room
1212 – 5th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois 61201**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Approval of the November 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Presentation on Community Caring Conference
- V. Reports from Committees & Working Groups
 - A. Community Solutions / Communications Committee
 - B. School-Community Committee
 - C. Neighborhood Leadership Committee
- VI. Strategic Plan Review
 - A. Year-End Review
 - B. The Path Forward
- VII. Election of Officers—Nominations from the Floor
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Next Meeting—Monday, May 31st at MLK Community Center at 6:30 PM
- X. Adjournment

Attachments

- November 17, 2015 DRAFT Meeting Minutes
- Committee Meeting Packets

Please remember that representation at each meeting from all Neighborhood Partners organizations is important. Please be sure your group is represented by at least one delegate.

The mission of Neighborhood Partners is to strengthen and enhance all of Rock Island's neighborhoods by:

- A. Building stronger working partnerships among neighborhoods, city government, service agencies, schools, churches and businesses;*
- B. Improving quality of life and pride in Rock Island neighborhoods through education, resident self-sufficiency and enhanced, user-friendly municipal services.*

ROCK ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF FALL 2015 QUARTERLY MEETING

Fall Quarterly Meeting: November 17, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Location: Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 630 MLK Drive, Rock Island, Illinois 61201

Membership Attendance: (X) Present () Absent

Organizations

Black Hawk Park West Neighborhood
Broadway Historic District Association
CED/Planning & Redevelopment Division
Centennial Park Neighborhood Association
Rock Island City Council
City At-Large

Representatives

() Margo Davis	() Judy Hipkind
() Javier Perez	(X) Anthony Heddlesten
() Ben Griffith	() Brandy Howe
(X) Sheila Solomon	() vacant
(X) Kate Hotle	() vacant
(X) Ethel Bassett	() Kurt Frank
(X) Joe Hart	() Roxanne Nowinski
(X) Janet Moline	(X) Drew Nagle
(X) Rick Nickel	() Patrick Doherty
(X) Steve Trainor	() vacant
() Libby Hofsas	(X) Angie Stark
() Mike Markell	() vacant
() Michael Batz	() vacant
() Paul Hansen	(X) Bob Towler
() Brianna Huber	() George Barajas
(X) Mona Mejia	() vacant
() vacant	() vacant
(X) Terrie Davis	() Michelle Cousineau
() Mike Oberhaus	() Dave Rockwell
(X) Linda Anderson	(X) Dylan Parker
() Donald Johnson	() Erik Nettles
() Rufus Greer, Jr.	() vacant

Friendship Manor
Greenbush Neighbors
Highland Park Historic Neighborhood Assoc.
Keep Rock Island Beautiful
KeyStone Neighborhood
Project NOW
Rock Island Economic GROWTH Corp.
Rock Island Housing Authority
Rock Island-Milan School District #41
Rock Island Preservation Society
New West End Association (Associate)
YouthBuild Quad Cities

Others Present: Angela Campbell/Rock Island Public Library

Call to Order / Welcome & Introductions

Ms. Anderson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. She asked Mr. Griffith to call the roll and for everyone to introduce themselves. A sign-in sheet was also provided.

Approval of the May 19, 2015 and August 31, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the minutes was delayed until later in the meeting due to lack of a quorum. When a quorum was reached approximately midway through the meeting, Ms. Anderson asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes from the May 19th and August 31st meetings and if there were any corrections. After a brief discussion, Ms. Davis made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Ms. Solomon and unanimously approved by the members.

Rock Island Housing Authority Presentation

Ms. Terrie Davis provided a brief video presentation on the 75th anniversary of the Rock Island Housing Authority and handed out information packets to the attendees. She reviewed the

history and mission of the housing authority and gave a brief overview of the individual properties and services provided to their residents. She also answered questions from the attendees. The presentation was well received.

Reports from Committees & Working Groups

School-Community Task Force

Rev. Nagle reported the task force had not met in October due to the school intersession. He stated the task force was preparing for a school supply drive and details would be forthcoming. Rev. Nagle stated the task force remains active in Safe Routes to School programs, Activate Rock Island, and Keep Rock Island Beautiful. He referred to the meeting packets included with the meeting packet for more details.

Neighborhood Leadership Task Force

Ms. Anderson provided a brief update in Mr. Batz's absence. She reported that the task force was assessing its mission and focusing on three main areas. They had also created two new working groups, including one which was updating websites and information contained on them, brochures for new and organizing neighborhood associations, and revising its mission statement to more accurately reflect what it wants to do.

Community Solutions Committee

Mr. Trainor reported that there was no written report included with the packet but that the Committee had been busy coordinating Ward meetings and assisting residents with various issues. He provided a brief review of Ald. Hotle's and Ald. Clark's recent Ward meetings to the attendees. He stated that City Hall was easily accessible and that residents can get help on issues and staff will follow up. Mr. Trainor stated he was moving out of the City and wanted to pass along a template to use for Public Service Announcements and how much he had enjoyed his time with Neighborhood Partners. Ms. Anderson acknowledged his service.

Communications Working Group

Ms. Anderson stated there had been many informal meetings and brainstorming sessions to try and determine the best possible route for Neighborhood Partners to take in order to find its way since the old system was no longer working. She stated Mr. Heddlesten had volunteered to lead a communications working group. Mr. Heddlesten handed out a list of twenty communities around the country with similar characteristics. He spoke of past successes of Neighborhood Partners and stated his desire to work its way back to what it was before. Mr. Heddlesten was most impressed with Montgomery, Alabama and asked everyone to look at their website and see what they do and how they did it. One of the proposals was to have twelve monthly meetings with a speaker on a different topic each month, followed afterwards with an outing to a local eating and/or drinking establishment. A very lengthy discussion ensued about neighborhood organizations and the dissemination of information throughout the community.

Strategic Plan Review

Ms. Anderson stated that things are starting to fall into place with the implementation of the strategic plan. She reviewed the six objectives, listed below:

1. Implement Neighborhood Partners Reorganization Plan;

2. Improve productivity and participation in Neighborhood Partners general and task force meetings;
3. Promote neighborhood identification and pride/support formation of neighborhood organizations;
4. Encourage and support membership in Neighborhood Partners;
5. Implement communication tools to share neighborhood information with all Rock Island citizens; and
6. Identify projects and/or area of interest.

Ms. Anderson stated that formation of working groups was the first step and some had already formed and begun working on their respective tasks. She encouraged others to get involved.

Other Business

Ms. Bassett provided a press release about the reorganization of Community Caring Conference with Paul Fessler as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors. She stated the group had three specific goals:

1. Form or re-form block clubs;
2. Hire a staff organizer to build these watch groups; and
3. Seek wider community support, such as volunteers, funding and linkages to other organizations who want to improve lives.

2016 Meeting Dates

Mr. Griffith stated he had tried to follow the general schedule from previous years and proposed four quarterly meeting dates: February 23rd, May 24th, August 30th and November 15th. He said he would continue to alternate the meeting locations between RIFAC and the MLK Center since both seemed to work well. He provided a 2016 calendar to each table for reference. There was a very lengthy discussion about alternative meeting dates and after further discussion, the following dates were decided upon: Monday, February 29th; Tuesday, May 31st; Monday, August 29th; and Tuesday, November 29th. Mr. Griffith stated he would reserve meeting space at RIFAC and MLK Center for the upcoming 2016 quarterly meetings.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Anderson asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Heddlesten made motion to adjourn at approximately 8:10 PM, which was seconded by Ald. Hotle. The next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of Neighborhood Partners will be Monday, February 29, 2016 at 6:30 PM at RIFAC.

Respectfully submitted,



Ben Griffith, AICP

Rock Island Neighborhood Partners School-Community Task Force Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 5:30 PM
Lower Level Conference Room
Rock Island City Hall
1528 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois 61201

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Review September meeting summary
3. Check and Connect Update
4. Goals and Objectives
 - a. Back to School Bash – for August 2016
 - b. Safe Routes to School – if requested to assist
 - c. Check & Connect Partnership
 - d. Father's March – how to be a part for Fall 2016
 - e. School Supply Collection/Distribution update from Nikki Melody
 - f. School Snacks – any further information or thoughts on addressing this
5. Other business
6. Next meeting date
7. Adjournment

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**ROCK ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS
SCHOOL-COMMUNITY TASK FORCE MEETING SUMMARY**

September 17, 2015, at 5:30 PM

Location: Lower Level Conference Room, City Hall, Rock Island, Illinois

Membership Attendance: (X) Present () Absent

	Representative	Organization		Representative	Organization
X	Drew Nagle, Chair	Neighborhood Partners	X	Ben Griffith	Staff, CED
	Dave Rockwell, V. Chair	School Board	X	Angela Campbell	Rock Island Public Library
	Janet Moline	Neighborhood Partners		Meredith Johnson	Frances Willard
X	Linda Anderson	Neighborhood Partners		Nikki Melody	Frances Willard
	Ethel Bassett	Neighborhood Partners		Tamika Robinson	Parent Liaison, Frances Willard
	Rick Nickel	Neighborhood Partners		Tia Edwards	Rock Island Academy
	Roxanne Nowinski	Neighborhood Partners		Christi Thigpen	Rock Island Academy
	Wendy Rowand	Broadway Historic District		Sophia Winston	Parent Liaison, RI Academy
X	Margaret Tweet	KeyStone Neighborhood		Dan Logan	Earl Hanson
X	Virginia Jarrett	RI-Milan School District #41		Dan McNeil	Spring Forward
	Holly Sparkman	RI-Milan School District #41		S. Edward Yancey, Jr.	C.A.R.E.
Others Present:					

Welcome and Introductions

- Rev. Nagle called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. All present knew one another; introductions were not necessary and a sign-in sheet was also available.

Review of August 20, 2015 Meeting Summary

- Rev. Nagle asked if anyone had any comments or suggested corrections to the August 20th meeting summary and there were none.

School Supply Collection/Distribution

- Virginia stated that **Nikki** had agreed to survey the teachers to find out what school supplies were needed and assemble a list.

Participation with the School-Community Task Force Letter

- Rev. Nagle distributed a draft letter from the SCTF to all the principals in the RISD. He stated he had also sent a copy electronically just prior to the meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding some of the text. Virginia suggested the letter could be included in an e-mail called “cabinet connections” which is sent to all principals. After further discussion about the letter, Virginia suggested that **Holly** should edit the letter so that it would fit the format for the e-mail.

Check and Connect Update

- Virginia reported that she had a good meeting with Christy Filby at the “Y” and discussed ways to collaborate with other groups to achieve the same goals, especially with funding. She stated they talked about several other issues as well. Rev. Nagle asked if SCTF should attend and Virginia didn’t think it was necessary at this time.

Back to School Bash Update

- Virginia reported that she wanted to meet with Bill Nelson about coordinating a joint event between the Fire and Police Departments and RISD. She would like to begin soon in order to line up sponsors. She stated that some of the feedback from the event indicated that there was no shade and that she would look into the cost of renting a large tent although cost would probably be a big factor.

Fathers' March

- **Virginia** reported that she had just finished the Million Fathers March. She stated that each school did something a little different to make it their own and detailed what some of the schools did. Virginia stated that all were very successful and plans to keep the men involved are in the works. She wants to get area businesses and churches involved. Next year we hope to have a real march.

Safe Routes to School

- Virginia stated that this year's Safe Walk to School Day falls during the Fall Intersession and that the Superintendent wanted to do something either before or after intersession. Rev. Nagle stated that SCTF was ready to offer assistance with Safe Routes to School but no school had requested any assistance at this time.

School Snacks

- Linda reported that Earl Hansen was the only school that offered snacks. She stated that the Math & Science Center had snacks, but only for kindergarten and 1st grade and that parents usually provided them. Rev. Nagle asked if fresh fruit could be provided in lieu of snacks.

Other Business

- Rev. Nagle suggested that other City departments be invited to SCTF, such as MLK Center, Police and Fire Departments.
- Virginia stated she had heard the CCC was restructuring and suggested they be contacted. Rev. Nagle stated that right now their focus was on restructuring and that Jason Lopez would probably be the best point of contact.

Next Meeting/Adjournment

- Due to the fall intersession, the October meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is set for Thursday, November 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the basement conference room at City Hall.
- With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ben Griffith, AICP

Rock Island Neighborhood Partners School-Community Task Force Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 5:30 PM
Lower Level Conference Room
Rock Island City Hall
1528 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois 61201

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Review November meeting summary
3. Activities to Advance Goals and Objectives
 - a. Back to School Bash – July 31, 2016 2:00-5:00 pm
 - b. School Supply Drive – provide comments to Nikki Melody on flyer
 - c. Safe Routes to School – if requested to assist
 - d. Father's March – Fall 2016
4. Identify new regular meeting day/time (preferably the 1st, 3rd or 4th Tuesday of the month @ 5:00 p.m.)
5. Other business
6. Next meeting date
7. Adjournment

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SCHOOL-COMMUNITY TASK FORCE MEETING SUMMARY**

November 19, 2015, at 5:30 PM

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	Janet Moline	Neighborhood Partners		Meredith Johnson	Frances Willard
X	Linda Anderson	Neighborhood Partners	X	Nikki Melody	Frances Willard
	Ethel Bassett	Neighborhood Partners		Tamika Robinson	Parent Liaison, Frances Willard
X	Rick Nickel	Neighborhood Partners		Tia Edwards	Rock Island Academy
	Roxanne Nowinski	Neighborhood Partners		Christi Thigpen	Rock Island Academy
	Wendy Rowand	Broadway Historic District		Sophia Winston	Parent Liaison, RI Academy
X	Margaret Tweet	KeyStone Neighborhood		Dan Logan	Earl Hanson
X	Virginia Jarrett	RI-Milan School District #41		Dan McNeil	Spring Forward
	Holly Sparkman	RI-Milan School District #41	X	S. Edward Yancey, Jr.	C.A.R.E.
Others Present: Taylor Beswick/Bi-State Regional Commission					

Welcome and Introductions

- Rev. Nagle called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was also available.

Review of September 17, 2015, Meeting Summary

- Rev. Nagle asked if anyone had any comments or suggested corrections to the September 17th meeting summary and there were none.

Check and Connect Update

- Rev. Nagle provided a brief review of Check and Connect activities and programs offered.
- Virginia Jarrett reported there had been some changes in one of the organizations that would have made an impact on how groups work together. Grant funders are requesting recipients to work together to leverage their resources and programming.

School Supply Collection/Distribution Update

- Nikki Melody provided a “teachers’ wish list” from the district’s elementary school teachers, which included the number of respondents to give an idea of need. She explained the differences in some of the seemingly similar items and why the teachers were requesting some of the more unusual items. The top five items requested were: dry erase markers, Ziploc baggies (all sizes), post-it notes, colored pencils and construction paper.
- Ms. Jarrett explained the differences between student supplies and classroom supplies, and mentioned possible storage issues at some schools. There could be district storage with the First Day Funds supplies.

- Rev. Nagle suggested developing publicity for donations and then establishing collection locations and a process for donating and collecting items for the teachers.
- Ms. Melody suggested coming up with a catchy name to attract the attention of the media.
- A lengthy discussion on the particulars of these items then followed, centering on the establishment of collection processes for donors and distribution mechanisms for teachers.

Back to School Bash Update

- Ms. Jarrett had nothing to report regarding the planning of next year's event.

Safe Routes to School Update

- Taylor Beswick from Bi-State Regional Commission presented two Safe Routes to School studies for Eugene Field and Earl Hansen Elementary Schools. He provided background on the grants, methodologies and findings, along with paper copies in case anyone wanted one.
- Rev. Nagle mentioned the railroad tracks and other infrastructure issues at Earl Hansen and Mr. Beswick acknowledged them, referring to the texts and maps in the study.
- He also discussed the importance of education at the school level and enforcement by the police department, emphasizing that oftentimes, these items have little or no cost.
- Mr. Beswick invited everyone to the Be Healthy QC media event scheduled for Tuesday, December 2nd where their new mascots would be rolled out. The program encourages healthy living by eating healthy and walking to school.
- A lengthy discussion on the Safe Routes and Be Healthy programs then followed, including such topics as the demolition of dilapidated houses along school routes and the City's new sidewalk replacement program.

Other Business

- Margaret Tweet asked how she could get the KeyStone Neighborhood Association more involved with the elementary schools located there. Linda Anderson and Rev. Nagle offered to meet with her after the meeting to discuss the matter.

Next Meeting/Adjournment

- Due to the holidays, the December meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the basement conference room at City Hall.
- With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ben Griffith, AICP



Help Support Students

in the

Rock Island-Milan School District

- ✓ Many teachers buy the supplies students need for their classrooms.
- ✓ Your donations will help students in the community be better prepared in the work they do every day.
- ✓ All donations will be distributed to the classrooms in the Rock Island-Milan School district.

Items students need:

- Dry erase markers
- White copy paper
- Sharpie markers
- Sheet protectors
- Baggies of various sizes
- Dry erase boards- individual size
- Card stock
- Dry erase erasers
- Construction paper
- Post it notes

Sponsored by the Members of the School Community Task Force

Thank you from the
students and staff



Rock Island Neighborhood Partners School-Community Task Force Meeting

Thursday, February, 2016 at 5:30 PM
Lower Level Conference Room
Rock Island City Hall
1528 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois 61201

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Review January meeting summary
3. Activities to Advance Goals and Objectives
 - a. Back to School Bash update
 - b. School Supply Drive – what needs to be done; sorting date/time
 - c. Safe Routes to School – if requested to assist
 - d. Father’s March – Fall 2016
 - e. Healthy snacks conversation with invited guests
4. Other business
5. Next meeting date
6. Adjournment

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**ROCK ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS
SCHOOL-COMMUNITY TASK FORCE MEETING SUMMARY**

January 21, 2016, at 5:30 PM

Location: Lower Level Conference Room, City Hall, Rock Island, Illinois

Membership Attendance: (X) Present () Absent

	Representative	Organization		Representative	Organization
X	Drew Nagle, Chair	Neighborhood Partners	X	Ben Griffith	Staff, CED
X	Dave Rockwell, V. Chair	School Board		Brandy Howe	Staff, CED
	Janet Moline	Neighborhood Partners		Angela Campbell	Rock Island Public Library
X	Linda Anderson	Neighborhood Partners	X	Rob Schroeder	Rock Island Police Dept.
	Ethel Bassett	Neighborhood Partners		Meredith Johnson	Frances Willard
	Rick Nickel	Neighborhood Partners		Nikki Melody	Frances Willard
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	Dan Logan	Earl Hanson		S. Edward Yancey, Jr.	C.A.R.E.
Others Present: none					

Welcome and Introductions

- Rev. Nagle called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was also available. Rev. Nagle welcomed Sgt. Rob Schroeder from the Police Dept.

Review of November 19, 2015, Meeting Summary

- Rev. Nagle asked if anyone had any comments or suggested corrections to the November 19th meeting summary and there were none.

Back to School Bash Update

- Ms. Jarrett reported that there was a meeting scheduled for next Thursday at 4:00 in Room 23 of the RISD Administrative Center. She discussed the need for tents for the next event to provide shade. She said the City’s Parks & Recreation Dept. would provide tables and chairs. Ms. Jarret stated the RIPD Explorers helped with set-up and tear-down and is hoping they will be available next time. She stated that Julie Ross needs a Co-Chair for volunteers.
- Rev. Nagle asked if all the RISD schools were represented and Ms. Jarrett replied that they were and that next time, they may reconfigure the layout of tables, chairs and tents for the other schools around RIHS so no school isolated.

School Supply Collection/Distribution Update

- Rev. Nagle discussed the flyer for use in the community to promote the school supply drive, adding that he needed to draft a letter to accompany the flyer. There was much discussion regarding revisions to the flyer and Ms. Anderson marked up a copy for Mr. Griffith to revise.
- The attendees discussed the schedule and timing of the school drive, specifically the collection deadlines, pick-up of donations, sorting of the supplies and actual distribution to classrooms.

After much discussion, it was decided to send the flyers and letters out on January 28th, collect supplies through March 6th, then pick up supplies at the various collection points and send to RISD for sorting for individual classrooms the week of March 7th – 11th and then deliver the supply packages to the individual classrooms the week of March 28th by RISD facilities trucks in time for the 4th quarter of the school year.

- Rev. Nagle asked Ms. Jarrett if Holly Sparkman could prepare and distribute a press release to the news media.

Safe Routes to School Update

- Rev. Nagle reported that there was no update for the Safe Routes program, but added that Vicki Blair at Church of Peace wanted to meet to discuss ways to provide healthy snacks for students, as part of the recent Be Healthy QC promotion roll-out on December 2nd at Earl Hansen Elementary School.

Father's March

- Ms. Jarrett reported that she received reports from principals about the successful 2015 march, even as she is beginning to plan the 2016 march. She stated she would like to make it a district-wide event and coordinate it for the first day of school, or as close to that time as possible.
- Ms. Jarrett noted that the “gauntlet” of fathers “high-fiving” the children as they entered Rock Island Academy was especially well-received by all involved.

Discussion on New Regular Meeting Time

- Mr. Griffith asked the attendees if they wanted to move the regular meeting to another day, possibly Tuesday, since Ms. Howe would be unable to attend on Thursdays until summer. After much discussion, it was decided to keep the meeting on the third Thursday of the month, but would start at 5:00 instead of 5:30 PM.

Other Business

- There was no other business brought up for discussion.

Next Meeting/Adjournment

- With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40 PM.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2016, at 5:00 PM in the basement conference room at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Ben Griffith, AICP



Rock Island Neighborhood Partners Neighborhood Leadership Task Force

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Neighborhood Leadership Task Force Winter Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:30 PM

Human Resources Conference Room (basement) Rock Island City Hall
1528 – 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois 61201

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order—Welcome and Introductions
- II. Review of November 5, 2015 Meeting Summary
- III. Neighborhood Leadership Task Force Reorganization Proposal
- IV. Neighborhood Leadership Task Force Leadership Discussion
- V. Update from Communications Work Group
- VI. Work Group on Neighborhood Identification and Organization
- VII. Reports & Updates from Members
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Next Meeting Date: May 5, 2016
- X. Adjournment

Attachments

- November 5, 2015 Meeting Summary
- other materials to be provided...

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Mission: The purpose of the Neighborhood Leadership Task Force is to bring together presidents and one other member from the city's organized neighborhoods with city and school representatives to discuss mutual concerns, to share information which will have an impact on their constituents and to increase networking/mentoring opportunities for strengthening neighborhoods.

ROCK ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERS NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP TASK FORCE MEETING SUMMARY

Fall Quarterly Meeting: November 5, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Location: City Hall HR Conference Room (Basement), 1528 – 3rd Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201

Membership Attendance: (X) Present () Absent

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Representatives</u>	
Black Hawk Park West Neighborhood Assn.	() Margo Davis	() Judy Hipskind
Broadway Historic District Association	() Barb Braun	() Javier Perez
CED/Planning & Redevelopment Division	(X) Ben Griffith	() Brandy Howe
Greenbush Neighbors	() Mike Markell	
Highland Park Historic Neighborhood	(X) Michael Batz	() Jason Tanamor
KeyStone Neighborhood	() Joshua Schipp	() George Barajas
Rock Island City Council	() Ald. Kate Hotle	() vacant
West End Neighborhood Association	() Larry McCullough, Jr.	() Larry Dunbar

Others Present: Linda Anderson (Neighborhood Partners President /Rock Island Preservation Society) and Sheila Solomon (Centennial Park Neighborhood Association)

Welcome and Introductions

- Mr. Batz called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM and asked everyone to introduce themselves; a sign-in sheet was also available. Mr. Batz stated he was reaching out the Greenbush and KeyStone neighborhood groups to get them involved again with Neighborhood Partners and the Neighborhood Leadership Task Force.

Review of February 5, and May 7, 2015 Meeting Summaries

- Mr. Batz asked if everyone had reviewed the meeting summaries and asked if there were any corrections necessary for either summary; none were suggested.

Update from Communications Work Group

- Mr. Batz reported that the ad hoc group was working on informational materials and updating brochures and websites. He handed out a draft copy of "Identify & Organize Your Neighborhood" which would replace the former brochure which pictured former Mayor Schwiebert at a KeyStone event.
- The work group wanted to adopt a Q&A format and explain steps to organize, including:
 1. having links and contact info for existing neighborhoods
 2. step-by-step instructions on how for organize a neighborhood association
 3. descriptions of neighborhood associations to give an idea of their purposes
- Mr. Batz stated the work group was thinking that a small, 8-page booklet-type brochure would be the best way to provide info, contacts, tips, hints, by-laws and 501(c)(3) info

Reports & Updates from Members

- Mr. Batz reported that Highland Park was planning a pot-luck dinner and other annual events and was considering starting an "adopt-a-highway" program.

- Ms. Solomon reported that Centennial Park had recently completed its fall neighborhood clean-up with Keep Rock Island Beautiful and would be participating in the Food & Ag Network Conference at the Radisson in Davenport with the Food Hub, showcasing their community garden. She also stated the neighborhood would be very glad to see the 6th Avenue sewer project finish and were very excited to see RIPD moving into their new police station in the coming weeks.

Other Business

- Mr. Batz asked the group where it was going next year and handed out a “discussion starter” to get the conversation started. He stated that with Neighborhood Partners restructuring, it should be goal oriented and not have meetings just to have meetings, but rather to talk about accomplishments. Mr. Batz stated that task force had a history of taking on projects like other task forces and perhaps should do so again.
- Mr. Batz stated that some points for discussion in 2016 should include:
 1. changing the name to “Neighborhood Leadership Committee”
 2. change/broaden membership
 3. refocus around working groups with specific goals
 4. proposed working groups could include neighborhood identification & organization and materials & information
 5. consider adjusting the mission statement to reflect new structure and goals
- The attendees discussed membership, functions, name of the group, projects, goals, differences between task forces, committees and working groups, and the overall restructuring of Neighborhood Partners for quite some time.
- The attendees decided that it would be best to continue these discussions when more members were present at a future meeting.
- Mr. Batz stated he would work on drafting some additional ideas for these future discussions and would ask Mr. Griffith to distribute them.

2016 Meeting Dates

Mr. Griffith presented meeting dates for 2016: February 4th, May 5th, August 4th and November 3rd which would all be on Thursday beginning at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment

- There being no further business, Mr. Batz adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:55 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Neighborhood Partners Leadership Task Force will be Thursday, February 4, 2016 in the Human Resources Conference Room in the basement at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Ben Griffith, AICP