



**NESCO Board Agenda – April 28, 2015 at 6:30 PM**  
Richard E. Moore Board Room - John H. Boner Center

*NESCO's mission is to unite Near East Side neighborhood associations, residents, businesses, and other non-profit organizations to build a safer, cleaner, healthier, and more prosperous, community.*

Call to Order 6:30 pm

Attendance/Introductions - 5 minutes

Board Education – Joe Bowling – Great Places Initiative – 15 minutes

Unveiling – NESCO Legends Plaque – Rebecca Seifert

**Board Business – 10 minutes**

- Approval of March 2015 Minutes- Rebecca Seifert
- Treasurer Report – Matt Belsaas
- President's Report – Rebecca Seifert

Discussion & Vote – Incoming NESCO Board Members – Rebecca Seifert – 5 minutes -5 minutes

Context -NESCO Next Steps – Rebecca Seifert -20 minutes

NESCO Steering Committee report – Matt Belsaas – 5 minutes

*Next Meeting –May 26, 2015*

Adjournment

*Agenda is subject to change*

**Save the Date Calendar Items:**

Neighborhood Summit – April 30<sup>th</sup> – Westminster Neighborhood Ministries  
NESCO Games – June 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

NESCO Board Meeting – March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Present:**

Bosart Brown: Mark Saetre	-
Brookside:	Tommy Reddicks
Cottage Home:	Dan Doll
Emerson Heights:	Rebecca Seifert
Englewood:	Brent Aldrich
Grace Tuxedo: no representative	n/a
Holy Cross:	Kelly Wensing
Little Flower:	Dan Goldblatt/ Sarah Tague
NoBO: Camelia Clay	-
Otterbein: no representative	n/a
Rivoli Park:	Pat Paff
Spades Park:	Marsha Burkhardt
Springdale: Amy Jackson	-
St. Clair Place:	Stephen Ball
TEAR/United: no representative	n/a
Willard Park:	Zach Adamson
Windsor Park:	Mark Schroeder
Woodruff Place:	Matt Belsaas
At-Large:	Chris Staab
At-Large:	Ruth Shaw
At-Large:	Ken Holyoak

**Guests include:**

- Matthew Gaudin – Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic
- Bettina Settles – Bosart-Brown Neighborhood
- Aaron Stites – North Brookside Park (NoBo)
- Rick Van Dyke – IPL Rate Increase Concerns

**I. Welcome & Introduction**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by Rebecca Seifert who invited those present to introduce themselves.

**II. Board Business**

**Approval of the February 2015 minutes** –Matt Belsaas motioned to approve the February minutes as presented. Zach Adamson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with everyone voting.

**Treasurer Report:** The only new expense present was an insurance expense. Pi Day and NESCO Congress financial activity will be reflected in the next month's report. Stephen Ball had a question about what liabilities meant on the treasurer's report. Matt explained that liabilities listed on the treasurer's report were what we own out from the account/what we are holding aside for future events if a specific committee needed the funds. Chris Staab motioned to accept the report as presented. Ruth Shaw seconded the motion. Ken Holyoak abstained from voting. The motion passed.

### **President's Report:**

Rebecca Seifert gave the first president's report of her tenure.

She thanked Kelly Wensing for her previous service as president and said that Kelly is a tough act to follow.

Rebecca's goal for the board is to think strategically moving forward and to determine where we are in the lifecycle of NESCO as an organization. Rebecca recounted NESCO's vast history and all of the needs that NESCO came together to meet.

Going forward Rebecca wants to ensure that NESCO is in tune with the pulse of the near east side so that we can address needs not being met and create more solutions.

Rebecca placed a heavy emphasis on a need for governance for the board and how rules in place will be followed. Rebecca also wants to see that neighborhoods without a representative are reached out to and that a neighborhood representative be found.

Wants to produce NESO's strategic plan by mid September and can hopefully present it at the Turn Festival.

### **III. Old Business:**

#### **Pi Day Wrap Up – Zach Adamson**

Zach thanked all of the board members who were present at Pi day for their help.

It is believed that we brought in \$4,098.85 in profit and Zach has an additional check for \$250 from the police foundation. Exact numbers will be recorded on next month's treasurer's report.

Zach reported that all sponsors from 2015 have indicated they want to sponsor 2016's event.

Rivoli Park's Suzanne Rijos won the community division with her pecan pie.

Zach also announced his intention to resign from the board and that this would be his last meeting.

However, if it is ok with the board, he wants to continue to organize NESCO Pi Day.

Rebecca read Zach's resignation letter to the group. His resignation was accepted.

#### **Congress Wrap Up – Rebecca Seifert**

Rebecca thanked all board members who participated in congress.

Kelly advised that we made over \$540.44 from the auction and we are waiting on a check from NEAR. Rebecca has sent NEAR an invoice and she will follow up with them regarding the status of payment.

Special thanks to Ken Holyoak for repainting and bringing in Wifi for the event. He and East 10<sup>th</sup> United Methodist were excellent hosts.

NESCO Legends – we will have the plaque by the next board meeting.

#### **NESCO “going dark” and reorganization status --**

Mark Schroeder was concerned that the board did not actually take a formal vote about NESCO going dark. He felt that the message has not been made clear or delivered properly to NESCO residents.

The November board minutes were received and a vote for reorganization passed. No vote was made during the January Meeting.

**If minutes were unclear, then do not pass them. People need to read the minutes.**

Going forward we will agree that the BOD unanimously voted on a moratorium for all NESCO events in 2015.

NESCO is in a dark phase and will not be doing events in 2015. It was made clear that the dark phase applies only to NESCO and that NESCO neighborhoods are still able to do events.

An announcement about NESCO's “dark phase” was made at Congress, but at the time no one stepped forward to take care of a press release.

Dan Goldblatt volunteered to write a press release and send it to the media. Rebecca and Dan will work on verbiage and Matt will post the press release on Social Media.

Ruth Shaw stated that it was made clear at the January meeting that a vote had been taken in November and that NESCO would go dark.

Ruth wants to and said that she is going to do bike rodeo. Ruth is worried that taking a year off will reduce visibility and people will forget NESCO. The 2015 Bike Rodeo will not be NESCO's Event. Kelly advised that they will need somewhere between \$400 and \$600 for insurance for the Bike Rodeo. Whoever puts on the bike rodeo will need to provide the insurance.

Rick VanDyke reminded Ruth and others that in the past NESCO was able to accomplish so many things because there was a paid NESCO staff. He reminded everyone to keep in mind that this is no longer the case.

Chris Staab wants five minutes during the April meeting for bike rodeo discussion.

#### **IPL Rate Increase – Rick VanDyke**

We have until March 31<sup>st</sup> to file comments on the IPL rate increase. Supposed to be a public process that works and public process is being circumvented. ½ million dollars being sucked from NESCO neighborhood.

IPL filed 1800 pages in support of this. Anyone who is an IPL customer can file a comment. Punishes you for saving energy. They have cut a deal with large consumers of energy to continue to pay a lower rate than citizens.

Free to do whatever they want with conservation plan. Residents are subsidizing big business. We will be paying.

Rebecca suggested that Rick try to write Op Ed about rate increase for the Indy Star.

**Rebecca reminded everyone that the next board meeting will be on April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **IV. Adjourn**

Matt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ruth seconded. Everyone was in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

NESCO BOARD  
Rebecca Seifert, President  
4-22-15

Re: resignation of honorable member,  
Dan Doll

Dear President Seifert,

Due to time restraints, family matters, mental capacity and age, I, Daniel R. Doll, hereby offer my resignation from the NESCO BOARD of DIRECTORS, effective immediately.

It has been my pleasure in having served for the last 3 plus years in the Nesco Organization and I will miss all my friends that I have had the honor of serving with.

Hopefully, someone from the Cottage Home Neighborhood will step up and take my place as 'CoHo' representative on the Nesco Board.

Sincerely,

Dan Doll