

**July 26, 2015, 2015 – NESCO Board Meeting Minutes**

	<b>Present:</b>
Bosart Brown: No Representative	
Brookside: Tommy Reddicks	
Cottage Home: No Representative	
Emerson Heights:	Rebecca Seifert
Englewood: Brent Aldrich	
Grace Tuxedo: No Representative	
Holy Cross:	Kelly Wensing
Little Flower:	Dan Goldblatt & Sarah Tague
NoBo: Aaron Stites	
Otterbein: No Representative	
Rivoli Park:	Patt Paff
Spades Park: Marsha Burkhardt	
Springdale: Shirley Musgrove	
St. Clair Place:	Stephen Ball
TEAR/United: No Representative	
Willard Park: Satchuel Cole	
Windsor Park:	Mark Schroeder
Woodruff Place: No Representative	
At Large:	Chris Staab
At Large: Josh Bowling	
At Large:	Ruth Shaw
At Large:	Ken Holyoak

Rebecca called the meeting to order at 6:31 and introduced our special guest, Duane Etinne. Duane was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Director of NESCO.

**1. Special Guest – Duane Etinne**

NESCO was originally a community action against poverty agency, or “CAP” for short.

NESCO was granted 501c3 status for the first time in 1973 with the purpose of neighborhood development.

Duane advised the board that it was and still is hard to fund advocacy – it is always a challenge. Financing problems is not a new story for groups involved in advocacy. Small operational grants were a big help to NESCO at the start, and volunteers were their biggest resource.

Rebecca asked Duane what his goals and aspirations were as Executive Director of a new neighborhood not for profit. Duane advised that he was only with NESCO for 24 or 30 months, so in that short period of time his biggest goal was to take advance of the surge of resources available from the city to bring services together that the neighborhood needed. He tried to provide a base to improve the quality of life on the near eastside and in doing that he spent time building relationships with police officers.

**2. Board Business**

**Approval of May 2015 Minutes**

Ruth was unable to review the minutes.

Ken moved to approve the minutes as presented and Stephen seconded. The motion passed unanimously with everyone voting.

**Treasurer’s Report – Kelly Wensing**

Kelly advised the board that she does not want to report on the finances currently as it is unclear how the

accounting is being recorded.

Kelly is hopeful that she will have a comprehensive report for the board by the next meeting.

Our goal over the upcoming months will be to find a new bank for our funds and an alternative bookkeeper, which will allow us to lessen our burden to Englewood CDC.

### **D&O Policy**

Rebecca advised the board that the 2015-2016 policy is in place.

### **NESCO's 501c3 Update**

Kelly and Rebecca advised the board that the 1020EZ has been filed with the IRS. They will update the group when they hear back from the IRS.

### **Vote on Meeting Every Other Month – Rebecca Seifert**

When Matt Belsaas resigned from the board, the NESCO re visioning steering committee dissolved.

Rebecca proposes that because the steering committee has dissolved, the board now should meet in August and in October with the purpose of focusing on NESCO re visioning. The board will be the steering committee.

Is there a role that NESCO can play around youth, children, neighborhood meeting attendance? Even re visioning the BOD structure. The entire board will be the steering committee.

In August we will throw ideas up and see what sticks.

Kelly moved that NESCO dedicates August and October meetings to re visioning. Mark Schroder seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously with everyone voting.

### **Debrief FOL – Rebecca Seifert**

Rebecca advised the board that she met with David the day after our previous board meeting to talk about FOL. At that meeting, David said that he and his group were fine only doing the event for 2015, and Rebecca gave him NESCO's MOU to look over and sign.

David made many changes to the agreement, but eventually took out the "right of first refusal" language from our MOU. David would not sign the agreement with the "right of first refusal" clause in the document. The Lanterns Foundation never signed our MOU.

Rebecca advised the board that she sked David, at the Emerson Heights neighborhood meeting, if NESCO could have a booth at FOL, and David agreed that they could.

Rebecca advised that she was hopeful that NESCO and the Lanterns Foundation could work together on the 2016 event.

Confusion about what NESCO's role in 2016 is. Which means that we are unsure about if we will do FOL or not in 2016. The board discussed the importance of Feast of Lanterns, and the importance of NESCO using its resource wisely. Ultimately it is good for NESCO and the neighborhoods that the Lanterns Foundation stepped in to do the event. NESCO does not currently have enough structure, administration, and oversight to run the event successfully.

### **Bike Rodeo – Chris Staab**

Chris thanked all of the volunteers who helped with the Bike Rodeo.

In total, we gave out 47 helmets and 15 bikes all for free to neighborhood youth. A few of the bikes came from NEAR And Freewheeling.

In summation, the Near East Side Bike Rodeo was a success, however it would not have been without Paramount School of excellence stepping in to provide use of their parking lot and insurance for the event.

Special thanks to Sysco for donating hot dogs, buns, and all the fixings that we gave out at the event.

Chris advised the board that there was another upcoming free bicycle, the Mass Ave Crit, event on Saturday. The Mass Ave Crit is a day of bike races.

Chris also advised the group that August 4<sup>th</sup> is National Night Out, and everyone needs to remember to put their events on the NESCO calendar. If anyone needs additional information about National Night Out, they can contact Steve Tally.

Mark S. advised the board that local coffee shop, Rabble, will have its grand opening on August 15<sup>th</sup>, and that the St. Dime Street festival will take place on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Both of those events are off of 10<sup>th</sup> street.

Stephen advised the board that another local lunch counter, Love Handle, will also be opening soon. Their chef has previously worked at Goose the Market.

Stephen suggested that NESCO should sponsor a parade down east 10<sup>th</sup> street in order to get involved with all businesses on the near east side.

Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.