

Minutes
Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee
Council Chambers
College Park City Hall
Monday, September 8, 2014
7:00 PM- 8:37 PM

Committee Members Present:

Mayor and Council: Andrew Fellows, P J Brennan, Robert Day, Alan Hew, Denise Mitchell, Stephanie Stulich. On phone: Patrick Wojahn

Residents: Jackie Pearce Garrett, Bonnie McClellan, Richard Morrison, Doug Shontz, Aaron Springer
Students:

University: Andrea Goodwin

Police: Major Dan Weishaar, Captain Phil Tou

Landlords: Lisa Miller, Richard Biffi

City Staff: Bill Gardiner, Robert Ryan, Yvette Allen

Approval of Minutes The minutes of June 16, 2014 were approved.

Subcommittee Reports

1. Code Enforcement and Public Safety – Chair Denise Mitchell
Successful first meeting, reviewed the strategies and broke into two subgroups. Teams are working on their designated projects.
2. Community Building and Culture Change – Chair Robert Day
First meeting will be held on Monday, September 15th. Knock and Talks are continuing; may schedule an additional one prior to colder weather.
3. Expectations and Best Practices for Property Owners – Chair Richard Biffi
Have not met at this time. Should be meeting within the next two weeks.
4. Home Ownership – Chair Jackie Pearce Garrett
Met last week, reviewed the strategies and spoke about the goals the group wants to accomplish this upcoming year. Focusing on getting additional stakeholders involved such as county and state officials, civic associations, banks, real-estate agencies, and parents of school-aged children. Next meeting will take place soon.
5. Diversity of Student Housing Options – Chair Patrick Wojahn
Successful first meeting; discussed the challenges of affordable student housing. The subcommittee would like to set up a meeting with the City University Partnership, the University and County Council to discuss what housing is available now and how we can work together to get affordable student housing.

6. Metrics – Chair Stephanie Stulich
Have not met at this time.

7. Public Outreach – Chair PJ Brennan

Proposing two public forums (fall and spring) for the 2014/15 school year. The fall forum would be to present the Committees goals and the spring forum would allow the committee to present the accomplishments. The fall public forum will take place November 6 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, location is not yet determined. Both public forums should be interactive, positive and engaging. The spring forum should take place in April or May prior to the end of the school year.

The fall forum should be arranged to educate the public of what the NQOL is all about; how we got to this point and what we are trying to accomplish. The outline of the forum still needs to be developed. Suggested: interactive introduction, introduction of all sub-committees, sub-committees should give brief presentations, group activities to share ideals and then give the public the opportunity to testify. Most discussion will take place in small diverse groups. The main goal is to have a productive forum in a relaxed atmosphere to share our strategies and get public input.

Once the theme is decided, we need to advertise the forum on Listservs, email groups, and websites. May also have a NQOL table at College Park Day.

Working on a NQOL website to share the groups work. Suggestion of adding NQOL to the City's website.

Subcommittee should have what they want to present at the Public Forum by the end of October.

Meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m. Next meeting will take place Monday, December 1, 2014.