



DANVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MINUTES

**April 4, 2016
Danville City Hall
6:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, Theresa Brazelton, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, Nancy O’Kane, DNLC Co-Chair, Alderwoman Sherry Pickering, Mary Ann Pettigrew, Bill Wallpe, Ken Cox, Cathy Hall, (visitor) Kendall O’Kane, Brenda Dwiggins, Secretary.

Co-Chair Nancy O’Kane thanked everyone for attending. She distributed the agenda, a new list of speakers and a list of telephone numbers for City of Danville administrators. She then asked for an update from NA* leaders.

Brenda Dwiggins, Lincoln Park: Meetings will begin in May.

Mary Ann Pettigrew, Rabbittown: Has a dedicated core group. Talked about landscaping of flowers at their meeting. Mayor and Shelly Larson will take a look at a different type of planter.

Bill Wallpe, Center City: Had first meeting. Invited all to attend any meetings, 7:00 pm, Central Christian Church, first Thursday of the month. Neighborhood cleanup will be Saturday, May 7. Everyone liked and appreciated the park bench presented to Center City/Central Christian Church for the 2016 Neighborhood Achievement Award at the NA Workshop on March 5, 2016.

Sherry Pickering: Association has not yet been named. Will meet on Monday, April 11. David Schnelle will speak.
Nancy O’Kane, Oaklawn-Fairweight: First meeting will be Monday, April 11, at Nancy’s house. Mayor will attend.

Cathy Hall, Legionland: At last meeting, six aldermen, Mayor, a Police Department Commander along with many neighbors attended. Questions were addressed regarding reaching out to new neighbors and helping ill neighbors. Block captains are very helpful. American Legion has been very supportive. Bi-monthly meetings are held at the American Legion.

Ken Cox, Meadowlawn: Neighbors met at Jocko’s last month. Regular meetings will begin this month. Garage sale in May, wiener roast in July, food drive in September. Food will be donated to First Presbyterian. (Food from future food drives will be given to various places.) Thanked all who helped with the workshop. One of the best ones. Thanked Nancy for sending out meeting reminders. (The City will do this from now on.)

Ken was the NA Liaison from 2010 to 2012. Under Ken’s direction, the first meeting of the Danville Neighborhood Leadership Council was January 10, 2011. He is very proud of our accomplishments but attendance at the DNLC meetings needs to be greater.

Discussion followed regarding Ken’s suggestion of renaming the Individual Achievement Award to the Gerry Lawrence Memorial Individual Achievement Award in honor of her many years of community service. She served as president of Oaklawn Improvement Neighborhood Association for over 25 years and advisor on many issues.

Nancy read the DNLC Mission and Vision Statement (can be found on the yellow Neighborhood Association brochure). She stated that we need to work harder at fulfilling these goals and commitments. Cathy volunteered a friend to help create a DNLC Facebook page (will be secured).

Mayor said the workshop was fantastic. He thanked everyone who helped put it together, with special recognition to Theresa. Everyone wholeheartedly agreed and greatly appreciates her assistance. As far as the neighborhoods are

concerned, he would like to see more social gatherings and said that there is a small amount of money set aside to help buy some of the food.

Tweaking the workshop was discussed. Some comments were (1) City employees should be asked to help set up on Friday, (2) handouts were very useful but should be provided in advance of the meeting so folders can be made for each attendee, (3) take more pictures, (4) 30 minutes for each speaker may be too long. Speaker times should vary depending on the topic, (5) layout at First Presbyterian is preferred over Harrison Park Club House, (6) should have a head-set microphone, (7) ask some attendees if they will stay and help tear down, (8) excellent speakers, (9) devise a way to let speakers know when their time is up, (10) Code Inspectors should attend, (11) pens and T-shirts were a good idea, (12) positive feelings from people who care was evident, (13) timetable for nomination of future award recipients will be discussed, (14) suggestion for next year's workshop "How Your Government Works."

Nancy requested that pictures of neighborhood events, announcements and any good-news stories, etc. be emailed to Liila Bagby (lbagby@cityofdanville.org) to be included on the City of Danville's NA webpage.

Nancy extended hearty congratulations to the 2016 winners of the Neighborhood Achievement Award (Center City/Central Christian Church) and the Individual Achievement Award (Sandy Hufford). Well deserved.

Mayor briefly spoke of the City of Danville's new application called "Our Danville" that will enable the interaction between the public and city on issues of concern. He requested that each neighborhood association have a city staff member give a presentation at a meeting. He (Mayor) will let us know when this application is in effect so briefings can be scheduled.

Saturday, May 7, is the "Great American Cleanup" downtown from 9 AM to noon. Volunteers are needed to help with the spring cleaning and plantings. For more information, see the KVCB website or Facebook.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Brenda Dwiggin
Secretary

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