

## MEETING MINUTES

SDNA Neighborhood Association Meeting

Tuesday July 26, 2022 @ 6pm - 7:30pm

Dream City—611 Southgate Ave (In-person)

### Attendance-

- Angie Jordan, Tim Crosby, Bob O., Carrie Hough, Barbara Jay, Kelcey PF, Jessica Bovey, Mary Mascher, Elinor Levin, League of Women Voters
- SMIDD-
  - working towards creating an incubator style collective of businesses
  - Will develop a map of businesses involved
  - Pepperwood place to be renamed
  - Old Slumberland— SD Marketplace
  - No paid staff to manage SMIDD, bulk of budget will go to ED salary
  - 501(c)(6) nonprofit
  - Redevelop to attract more businesses
- Events-
  - Giving back to other orgs- NCJC/NNO
  - PIN grants so more people can just show up to have fun
  - Fall Feast responsibility going back to NCJC
  - Last Diversity Market this Saturday
  - Feedback= activities happening in the middle of the market seem to be a good thing, ie bike give away, music, etc
  - Single biggest promotional tool is to show activities in the location, making it look visually alive
- Open Discussion-
  - Bike path, grocery store access is preferable
  - Working with kids in the schools, building relationships with them
  - Increasing the Hawk population
  - An influx of larger families
  - The openness to residents welcoming outsiders, neighbors are very accepting
  - The parks have grown and been developed that are inviting to people, bringing them out from all over the city.
  - The market will also be a feature that draws people from all over the city, recommending having vendors be as diverse as possible.
  - WLV will be working to introduce candidates to the neighborhood
  - Prelude is now Community & Family Resources
  - The development at Wetherby is awesome, it's been busier
  - The splash pads seem to always be busy with families
  - Book Mobiles are active and present
  - Little Free Libraries
  - Walkability to lots of good things

- People know people in the SDNA
- A lot of non profits are located here
- Momentum that businesses are getting is overdue, and happening now
- There is a voting site, increasing voter registration,
- Terry Trueblood Lake is a benefit
- Job Fairs are a great resource for our residents and city wide citizens
- The edible forests, and collaboration with backyard abundance
- When a need is expressed people are eager to try to find a way to fill that need, Connecting people to people or resources, etc
- New Ideas, Next Steps-
  - Continue SDNA mission to motivate discussions, activities, movements, etc. Find ways to advance and develop that.
  - Improvements to Terry Trueblood Lake and water quality overall. It's fed by the IA river and isn't monitored.
  - The collegiality, the SMIDD, bringing a lot of new people into our part of town, the different social structures from outside our neighborhood aren't always sensitive to the realities of working class people.
  - The more the neighborhood can be incorporated into a shopping/dining/events district the better.
  - Non profits (specifically CFR) are looking for ways to connect, they're limited by the grants that they have to provide funding but want to find other ways to be involved, have conversations with people about what they can provide and how to meet existing needs
  - Have a block party style event in our SDNA, along the lines of the Downtown Block Party, maybe use it to emphasize our diversity which is unique to IC. We should have ways to celebrate that diversity.
  - Coffee Shop- Pronto
  - Continue to bring in public art installations
  - Bring in someone from the city to present info about SDNA development plans at the south border, etc.
  - Help with developing connectivity of bike trails
  - Signage for businesses, updated trail signs for points of interest and distance info, install gateway to the neighborhood type art signage, street signs with our logos that is more formal than what we have
  - Bring in more activities for people to do, specifically adult night activities
  - How do we maintain our traditions so that they don't creep away from us
  - How do we maintain our identity so that people want to move here and stay here
  - More collaboration with Houses Into Homes and Habitat For Humanity
  - Landscape architecture efforts to beautify parts of the SDNA
  - More places to have meetings with other people, ie lunch meetings, meet and greets, informal gatherings, ie coffee shops, sandwich shops, diners, etc
  - Community Kitchen with a dining room available too, rotating chefs, short term pop ups, teaching people how to cook things that are unfamiliar,

- The cultural identity is that we are a working class population, everyone works and no one has spare time,
- Let people know that we are more than just door hangers, we are a resource to help connect people to resources,
- Restart the welcome wagon concept, develop a process,
- Brewery/vineyard/distillery sampling night at parks
- Movie nights for families
- A petition to have McCollister be 35 mph instead of 25
- The Difference between Metropolitan Planning Org is not the same as the City of IC, but they are affiliated, they have advisory committees that determine street development and speed zones. Parks and rec take care of the trails, but not sidewalks and streets.
- Get crossing guards for the schools, school zone signs,
- Get a bike bridge across Hwy 6 for school kids especially to facilitate kids going to Twain from SDNA
- A resource fair/activities fair for organizations and etc in the SDNA
- Visual and Performing arts activities/camps for kids located here, offer scholarships to kids in our neighborhood that would be able to participate otherwise
- A fine arts outpost ie the Paul Engle Center in CR
- Wish List for Visitors, Presenters-
  - City Planning
  - Metropolitan Planning Org
  - City of the Arts, Hancher, Englert engagement committees
  - Athletic Facilities and new organizations that are in or near the SDNA, ie ICOR, The Fencing, Maker Space, etc
  - Jason Taylor with Burr Oak to speak about water quality and etc
  - Have resource/activity fairs week day evening and weekends to provide a variety of options for working class people