

ENO General Membership Minutes November 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Mahlow at 7:00 pm.

No LPD or county commissioner reports

Jody Washington, 1st ward City Councilmember could not stay but stopped by during the board meeting to let us know that the 1st Contact meeting is this Saturday Nov. 7th at 10:30am but is at a different location this month, It is at the customer service center on Haco Drive just off of Pennsylvania Ave. Dec.5th is the last one for the year.

Denise Kelley mentioned that she had just spoke with Marti Wheeler (former board member) she is doing well settling into her new place in Chicago and Denise has her address if anyone would like it, just let her know.

CATA presentation on the BRT (Bus Rapid Transit)- Lane Masoud and Debbie Alexander presenting. There is overcrowding on the Rt 1 buses on most of the 6900 trips a day. They looked at 3 types of ways to alleviate the overcrowding: Light Rail, BRT Alternative and Modern Streetcar, for multiple reasons they came to the decision of the BRT. The BRT has many features including, 60'articulated buses, doors on sides, hybrid, signal preemption, station docking, dedicated bus lanes. 27 stations that are level boarding, fully accessible and the fares are paid at the station. They will definitely go to Meijer's maybe Meridian Mall still working with them on a station location. Benefits of this are it will improve travel times, increase multimodal capacity, improve links to communities, place making/beautification, and stimulate economic development, new transit oriented development, first leg of the Lansing regional BRT system. CATA is working with each community to see what they want. The stations will be in the center running from Michigan Ave to Detroit St then Detroit to Bouge St with split side have one on the median and other stop on one side. They had to do a transportation study for the environmental part of the project to make sure that all automobiles can safely be going as well. They did traffic counts in April 2014 and Sept 2014. Total cost of the project is \$155 million (\$75M from small start, State match to small starts \$25M, Lansing STP & match \$3M, MDOT Grand River resurfacing \$2M, CMAQ \$2M, Non-motorized \$1M, local/private Investments \$16M, Tiger/Competitive Grant \$31M) They are looking into bike lanes in parts of the route but there is only some much space in some areas that it may not be possible. Some of the questions that were asked. It would not go into Frandor, but the other routes still would. How far apart will the stations be? They will be less than a quarter mile apart. 6 minutes to each station in the peak hours. They did not get the Tiger grant they are pursuing so what are your other options? They had not applied for the \$31 M one yet. Would it be possible to do a right in and right out instead doing u turns to go onto Morgan or Harrison for example? When they get to the construction phase, work in parts will need lots of reconfiguring and some areas not as much. Since there is already some illegal activities at your shelters what are your plans for the new stations to stop this? They are working with LPD to stop illegal activities and will continue and Emergency vehicles can use the lane. What are the hours and cost of the BRT for riders? The hours and cost would be the same as the other routes. ENO has a garden and memorial statue in the divided space near Frandor on Michigan what will happen to that? It will have to be moved or such but they will keep in contact with ENO in regards to the garden. To learn more about this project you can go to cata-brt.org [facebook.com/ridecata](https://www.facebook.com/ridecata)

2000 Block of Michigan Ave (South side) Scott Gillespie has purchased the entire block. There will be a press conference on Friday (11/6) at 11 am on the block. The drawings of the proposed development will be there as well. It is 4 stories with retail and residential.

2016 Mayors Grant- There applications are online. There is a preview/help session on Thursday Dec 3 at 6 pm in Foster Community Ctr. A group can ask for up to \$650 for a project and a \$100 stipend. It is open to neighborhood groups and watches. If your group is not a watch or neighborhood you can partner with one near you. There will be 1 \$3000 grant available as well. Final applications are due in early January.

Monthly meeting with the quad are still going on. The quad is Nancy Mahlow (ENO president) Jody

Washington (city council), Joan Nelson (ANC), Brian McGrain and Rebecca Bahar- Cook (county commissioners), and Rep Andy Schor (State Rep). They do invite other officials to attend when needed. Most of what they discuss is what they announce to us here at this meeting. They are able to stop many items at all levels and not have duplications. They do many items jointly such as write letters on topics.

School- Eastern High School is looking for winter clothes for students. Please contact the school on how to drop them off. The sizes needed range from adult med to XL. The coats do not have to be new.

Nancy reached out to a couple of businessmen on the Eastside that have been unresponsive in the past. She wants to start a positive communication with them. She put them in contact with the neighborhood groups where they have bought property. They brain stormed about ideas for their properties beyond just liquor and party stores.

Candidates Night- Denise- Thank you to all who attended our candidates' night last month. It was well attended.

Holiday Party-Denise It will be on Wednesday December 2nd at 6pm in room 213 here at Foster. Please bring a dish to pass and nonperishable food to donate to the food bank. ENO will provide the table service, meat and beverages. Please come and join us.

Spring Souper- Denise The Spring souper will be on Saturday March 12th at Pattengill Academy. There has been a concern raised on the quality of items offered for the raffles and silent auctions so we are starting to gather donations earlier. I will pass around the donation letter so that if you ask a company and they need a paper trail. Please remember when asking that the event is not until March so if it has an expiration date it needs be after March 12th.

Nancy-New ordinance for donation bins. The clerk's office is asking for our help to find all the donations bins that are around the city. They have to get the permits and posted and such. Email clerk's office or Nancy on where they are.

Treasurer's report- Theresa- \$36.05 in the checking account before newspaper ads have been deposited, plus the 2 cds.

ENO Fall Newspaper- They are on Nancy's porch ready to be delivered. Please let her know if you can help.

Basketball- Jim F. He leads a Christian youth basketball program. - It started with many Methodist churches and now is expanding to work with neighborhood groups. There is an 11-13 junior division. He has 2 teams interested but need 4 teams at least. For a team it is \$350 approx. to play. They use Central UMC's gym. There was a suggestion made for advertising for teams. They could use yard type signs to put in people yards. Many neighborhood groups will put the information on their Facebook pages.

Brian B made a motion to approve to accept minutes as written. 2nd Theresa it passed.

Capital area housing partnership- Mickey They are working on purchasing 6 houses to sell before the group rehabs them. They are Land bank houses and they have agreed to hold them till this group can get the funding. The house cost would be what it is worth after rehab not before.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm

Respectfully submitted by
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