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Jump Start Coalition

2/25/2016

6:00pm – 7:00pm

NLR Community Center – 2700 Willow



Updates

1. Current historic Park Hill District doesn't have a local ordinance district, so property owners don't need permission to make changes. However, it is on the National Historic Registry. Houses must be 50 years old. Many more houses are now older than 50 years. NLR Historic Commission is looking at surveying to determine who could now be included. Benefits – tax credits if repairs are done correctly, it's a selling point, being a member of a historic community.
2. Levy Business Association received a grant, which they used to purchase and install banners along Camp Robinson Road. They look great! They are also planning another set of "Spring" banners to go up soon and possibly expand the number of banners as well. LBA made improvements to the flower bed in front of the fire station on Camp. They are also working on a plan to improve the aesthetics of the concrete barrier at the foot of the entrance ramp into Levy at 33rd St. They are also planning a community event for the beginning of May. LBA meets monthly. Contact President Peggy Hogg for more information.
3. Veteran's Mental Health Council – veteransimpact.org – Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 3pm at the State Capitol in Room 151. They are interested in building a veteran's community center. Suggestion to talk to the NLR School District and St. Joseph Farm about available space. They already have some materials donated by Home Depot. The NLR VA is one of the top 3 mental health programs in the country. The CAVMHC is federally mandated.
4. Rock Region Metro spoke about the upcoming funding ballot measure for ¼ of 1 cent dedicated funding for public transit. This equates to 25 cents per \$100 spent. They anticipate this raising \$18 million. They are interested in connecting trails to bus routes. This will increase the frequency of certain routes, add new crosstown routes, and improve bus transit for schools. Rock Region also serves many veterans and gives them access to LR/NLR VA facilities. Be sure to try the new

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smart app to make riding easier than ever. It gives real time arrivals, trip planning, and more. 7 more compressed natural gas vehicles are coming soon.

What's coming up?

1. Community Potluck coming up at Trinity Lutheran Church on March 12th at noon. Join the Y'All Come Party Facebook page for updates on this and future events. Area businesses encouraged to come mingle and meet neighborhood residents.
2. Tour de Bark, April 30th – this event has been passed on to the Park Hill Neighborhood Association. They will need help from volunteers. Speak to John Gregan for more info. The NLR Historic Commission is considering partnering with property owners along the route to include interesting facts about homes and businesses. The route will pass by all four parks in Park Hill. Last year 30 animals were adopted that day!
3. Patio Park Hill – community event, vendors, food trucks, craft beer. 1st 2016 event will be May 19th in the Lakehill Shopping Center. There will be live music and the newest Park Hill business will be a vendor as well. Dog Town Sounds.
4. Design Think-a-Thon at UCA. April 9-10. UCA students will be working to solve a problem that Bernadette submitted on behalf of the Park Hill Business and Merchants Association. We will continue to work with UCA in the fall semester when additional students help develop some marketing materials for Park Hill.
5. Clothing and Hygiene Drive for the 7th St and Glenview Elementary schools. March 19th from 12-2 pm at the New Creation Baptist Church at 2220 Percy Machin Drive, NLR. Even after drive ends items still welcome. Contact Raymond Jerrod at 501.837.5893 or nrjmsf@hotmail.com.

Jump Start Your Block

1. Program adapted from Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Revitalization program
2. Subcommittee meeting was held in January
3. Bernadette is working on a letter to homeowners in 33rd St area
4. Initial area is on 33rd St between Marion and Chandler

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5. First workday will focus on 5-7 owner occupied houses with additional services offered to all homes on the block
6. Possible services: painting, curb cleanup, smoke alarms, weatherization, etc
7. We need community input. What should these workdays be about and include?
8. For volunteers – contact Open Door Outreach on MeetUp.com
9. Discussed working with the Highway Dept. District 6 to do a same day cleanup of the exit ramp
10. Discussed asking Home Depot and similar stores to donate, provide volunteers
11. Discussed speaking with Jimmy Pritchett and asking him about the Paint Your Heart Out group and partnering with them
12. Margaret Waters mentioned that she has shrubs that she would be willing to donate to the event
13. Need help locating materials to borrow and use and also volunteers