

Northeast Alliance Together (NEAT) General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: December 17, 2015

Meeting Minutes: December 23, 2015

Attendees:

Forestine Beasley
Leslie Caplan
Hephzibah Dutt
Gloria Fisher
Paul Gutierrez
Alec Kelley
Rebecca Koop

Ed Linnebur

Cliff McMurray

Brett Shoffner

David Stadler

David Valdiviezo

Jenna Wilkins

Joanie Zicarelli

Facilitator:

Mary Cyr

Other Presenters:

Charlie Hopper, Hardesty Renaissance EDC

Lance Klein, Phronesis

1. The meeting opened at approximately 8:35AM. Mary Cyr welcomed all attendees to the meeting. Each attendee introduced themselves.
2. Mary shared with the group regarding the Holiday Breakfast which was held on December 12, 2015 at the Mattie Rhodes Center NE location. 373 community members were fed breakfast, 35 flu vaccines were administered, 20 attendees received health screenings, and 152 gifts from Toys for Tots were passed out to the children.
3. Mary shared with the group the connections she has been making with the faith based community in the NE as well as her meetings with the public schools in the area.
4. Mary reported that she has met with the NE Industrial Association and is looking at ways to connect to workforce development for the area residents.
5. Mary reported that she has met with the Cliff Drive Corridor Committee regarding making use of the amenities within the NE.
6. Mary presented the NEAT organization chart which is being proposed. Mary answered questions regarding the chart.
7. There was a discussion regarding the Steering Committee and the definition of stakeholder vs. appointment. Individuals from the Mattie Rhodes Center

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Board of Directors and members of the NEAT stakeholder group will be assigned to the Steering Committee and those individuals will appoint additional members from the community at large.

8. There was a voiced concern from the group regarding who would be doing the work: volunteers vs. paid staff. Mary clarified that the only paid staff is the Director. All other positions, other than Mattie Rhodes Center, will be filled with volunteers.
9. There was discussion regarding NEAT as a coordinator and a communicator to the greater community. NEAT will use work groups as a means to move strategies forward which in turn will create opportunities for implementation.
10. Mary shared that she will seek to be efficient and not create redundant activities.
11. Charlie Hopper presented on the latest of the Hardesty Renaissance project and the current state of activities with the development.
12. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00AM.
13. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21 at 8:30AM at the Kansas City University, Butterworth Alumni Center. Please park in parking lot G.