

ETC Steering Committee Meeting Minutes for October 4, 2017

Present: Ross Holmes, Jessica Windrow, Susan Marshall, Marianne Mashburn, Kristen Beahm, Lee Turley, Emily Walker, Nanette Bahlinger, Carol Suzuki, Hampton Howell, Neely Hicks, Linda Hodges

President Ross Holmes began the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Guest introduction

Neely Hicks, Pastor of Glencliff United Methodist Church, introduced herself to those present. Neely described her experience at 61st Street UMC, where the mission was to care for the less fortunate in that neighborhood. As the area around the church became gentrified, however, homeless and low income neighbors were forced out, and the congregation, led by Neely, looked for a welcoming place to continue their mission. Glencliff UMC has become that place. The church has begun hosting fellowship events on the third Saturday of the month from 4 - 6 p.m. with an aim to better integrate the church into the community, and the community into the church.

ETC website

As the recipient of the Good Neighbor Award at last month's Neighborhood Celebration, the next "Member Spotlight" will focus on Jeff Jones. Jeff's son, Taylor, interviewed his Dad for this purpose. A link to the interview will be posted on the ETC website along with related images.

Neighborhood Celebration

As Ross so aptly stated on facebook, "ETC had a MEGA day at the 5th Annual Nashville Neighborhoods Celebration - we took home 1st place and \$500 for the Neighborhoods Showcase presentation by Marianne Mashburn, 3rd place and \$100 in the Neighborhood Games contest with Lee G Turley, Laurie Hoffma, David Windrow, and Ross Holmes, Marianne's granddaughter, Ember, won her age division art contest, Carol Suzuki competed in the Chili cook-off, and Ted Drozdowski played a rockin' set for everyone in attendance!"

Marianne explained that each year the Celebration is held in a different part of the city and that the ETC area could host the event as early as 2018, though 2019 was suggested by some as preferable. Among the reasons for the deferral is that we are currently without a Social Media Coordinator.

Walk Bike Nashville event on October 21

Kristen explained that the route has been revised to begin at Ken's Sushi and end at Lane Motor Museum.

- ETC and Walk Bike Nashville (WBN) organizers are contacting area businesses, asking them to serve as stops along the route
- The unicyclist will be invited to join the walking group
- SC members should "like" and share the event when it is posted online
- Registration will be set up via EventBrite

[Please note: the event has been posted on the WBN website as follows:

Join us for our second Walk the Pike event, in which we explore Nashville's most iconic (and often most car-centric) pikes by foot and bus. Each event will involve a walk along the selected pike and then a return trip by bus. We'll explore what's great about the pike (local art, local businesses, history, stories) and what leaves room for improvement (infrastructure).

The Murfreesboro Walk the Pike will take place during National Walk Month. For this event, we are partnering with the East Thompson Community Neighborhood Association. We will start at Ken's Sushi and proceed 1.5 miles down Murfreesboro Pike to Lane Motor Museum before making the return journey via bus. We will end at Ken's Sushi for dinner and drinks.

- *Points of Interest will include:*
- *Local businesses and an opportunity to sample foods from several restaurants*
- *Explore the new Breakaway Hockey and Fitness facilities*
- *A look at the available pedestrian crossings by transit stops*
- *History of the Pike*

*Explore Lane Motor Museum and their current exhibits (including a Bicentennial of the Bicycle exhibit)
Event starts at 2:45pm, walk will begin at 3:00pm.]*

ETC banner

Susan requested the purchase of an ETC banner to hang behind the stage during “ETC’s Got Talent!” It quickly became apparent that such a banner would be suitable for display at multiple events.

- Susan will price banners and present options at the next ETC SC meeting
- Kristen will redesign the logo to fit a horizontal format

Holiday party

Lots of good ideas were tossed about for the December 7 event, including:

- Provide food: pot luck or use ETC funds to purchase food?
- Host a toy drive: to support the Last Minute Toy Store.
- Get comfortable: invite children to wear their pajamas.
- Show a movie: *Polar Express*.
- Invite Santa: who would give each child a bell at the end of the movie.
- Encourage neighborhood involvement: have sign-up sheets for affinity groups.

Affinity groups

At the November membership meeting, Ross will announce and explain affinity groups, ask for leaders for those that have none, recruit help for those that do, and invite others to start their own. The list of possible groups includes:

- Women’s group – Sarah Holmes to lead; first gathering scheduled for November 3
- Connecting with area businesses – Kristen may lead
- New Neighbors - Lee will lead; Susan and Marianne are interested in supporting
- Clean Up/Beautification/Road/Traffic – Laurie Hoffma was suggested as a possible leader
- Inclusion - connecting with other cultures in the neighborhood, ask for leader

Other items

- Ross will contact Steve McMillan, one of the elected ETC representatives on the Village at Glenclyff Community Council, to explain the process for proxy participation.

The meeting concluded at 8:35 p.m.

Upcoming events

October 17 – ETC’s Got Talent! 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Ken’s

October 21 – Walk the Pike, 2:45 p.m. start time at Ken’s

November 16 -- ETC Membership Meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Glengarry Elementary School

December 7 – Holiday Party; suggested time, including set up and take down = 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Approved by Marianne Mashburn, Ross Holmes, Emily Walker, and Nanette Bahlinger.