

Northwest Carbondale Neighborhood Meeting  
Steering Committee Volunteers  
30 January 2012

Present:

Yolan Presley,  
Chuck Paprocki  
Patti Diggle,  
Adam Loos,  
Jane Adams  
Lorie Allen,  
Ed Van Awken  
Courtney Smith,  
Sandi Litecky,

The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. at the Carbondale Senior Center on Springer Street.

The primary focus of this meeting was to discuss how to form an active Neighborhood Association for Carbondale's NW quadrant.

First, members introduced themselves.

Jane Adams provided an update on the status of the Armory. A list of bids for the property was distributed. Two, including the highest bidder, love and want to preserve the building. The high bidder has stated the intent to create a Farmer's market on the north side, and has other ideas that would preserve the building and create public as well as private uses.

A Planned Unit Development would need to be created. This first goes through the Planning committee to the City Council. There will be a lot of opportunity for input. A performance bond would probably be required. This document will require that work be performed to a specific level and the work is then only approved if that happens.

Regarding the development on Bleyer Field, it was recommended that the group get the plans and schedule from the city's planning department. With this information we may be able to discern what is needed to mitigate potential problems with this development. It is clear there needs to be quite a bit of "buffering." Late night shift changes, loud conversations, doors, lights will disrupt the neighbors nightly.

Patti Diggle asked how to recruit members and how to define our area. The more people are involved the more we can work on various projects.

The boundaries were defined as beginning with Memorial Hospital on the East to Denny's on the West and North to include the Industrial Park would be appropriate. This is a large area.

It was agreed that we would “borrow” the By-Laws of the Arbor District as a place to get started with formal structure. Adam Loos agreed to copy and revise these by-laws as a starting point. Lorie Allen and Pat Diggle, with help of a larger map to be created by Courtney Smith, will map the people who attended the January meeting at Hickory Lodge. Courtney Smith will create a logo. The group also felt it important to Map the Neighborhoods and note who owns property as well as who may be renting

Ed van Awken agreed to find out what’s happening with the old High School football field.

It was suggested that we regularly send someone to City Council meetings as “concerned persons” to inquire constantly about the illegally operating garage at the corner of Oakland and Sycamore. The City has made a rule and enforcement is now needed.

We agreed to meet again on 20 February.

Meeting adjourned 9 p.m.