

This meeting was conducted in hybrid format on Zoom and at Main Street United Methodist Church.

Attendance: John Rowntree, Jon Spira-Savett, Bobbie Knickerbocker, Mick Grzonka, Kristy Besada, Jim Jensen, Beverly Belus, Kelly Turney, Adam Cook, Matt Hodgkiss, Kathy Boss, Nonny Egbuonu, Mike Apfelberg, Michael Reinke, Nancy Meyer, Meta Vornehm, Tom Woodward, Cheryl Massie, Kim Hester, Sarah Jane Knoy (with guest who was a visiting organizer from Albania, training with GSOP), Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pam Wellman, Becky Green, Karl Hester

Presentations:

The state of the Housing Justice Team of NAIC:

Kristy Besada: report on the state of housing in the region. Attached presentation.

Sarah Jane Knoy:

- GSOP has Tonia Knisley at the NSKS helping as a housing resource help
- NHERAP assistance has been provided to many families to stay in apartments

Jon Spira-Savett:

- Medium and long-term needs are more housing
- Building relationships with city officials such as Community Development and Urban Programs personnel
- Upcoming Elm Street middle school redevelopment, including open community meetings and a survey. Please emphasize mixed use, mixed income housing, walkable, preserve Keefe Auditorium
- Merritt Parkway - need new units to be built there over neighborhood resistance
- Amherst Street rezoning as a potential target for more housing
- Ask questions, be the eyes and ears of the community and communicate to us if new housing opportunities arise
- Join a YIMBY group.
- Sign up on our contact list to be part of the action for more housing affordable to our residents.

Report on winter shelter - Michael Reinke:

- An RFP has been approved for cold winter shelter funds in partnership between NSKS and 1259 Cafe in Manchester.
- Scope to include low barrier shelter with beds and refreshment, shower, laundry, toilets @ 2 Quincy St from November thru April
- NSKS is seeking partner organizations to help run the program on a volunteer basis.

Other Business:

CROP Walk is in 2 weeks, please give pulpit support. (Becky Green)

Water Walk raised \$35K. Thank you (Nonny Egbuonu)

United Way Sleepout this weekend. Participants welcome Friday. (Mike Apfelberg)

Pop up food pantries are moving indoors (Mike Apfelberg)

Treasurer's report (Meta Vornehm)

Main account: \$2885.87

CROP Walk: \$2883.91

Choir: \$745.72

Membership: thanks to those who applied/joined. Dues are optional this year. Please update your form, nonetheless. (Meta Vornehm)

Directory: NAIC is seeking to create a directory. Please note that you wish to opt out on your membership form. (Meta Vornehm)

Multicultural festival this summer was excellent. (Nonny Egbuonu)

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be Tuesday, November 22 at 7pm at Church of the Good Shepherd. Looking for volunteers to participate. Please reach out to Kathy Boss or John. (John Rowntree)