



Burroughs Neighborhood Organization – November 18, 2019 – General Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Officers - Robert W., Dan, Buffy; Others: LL, SA, HA, Rose, JM

Secretary Sarah excused for school conflict. Minutes by Robert.

I – Call to Order – President, Robert Worthington

II – Safety Report

New Burroughs CSO not present, several members ask that we make sure an Officer attends, hopefully with the following info: Crime data for the area; TPD sponsored events; anything about safety or weather.

Robert stressed that this was the first meeting since the switch, and he may not have been able to attend this meeting; he may have had the shift off; or he may have been busy patrolling; and to not jump the gun on questioning him for non-attendance of the first meeting.

III – Old Business

- Goals – meeting all
 - Community Awareness – ReInvest Toledo, Candidate Forum
 - Safety – CSO reports and Active Shooter Preparedness training
 - Beautification – ongoing Triangle work, Land Bank
 - Health & Wellness – new treadmill, switch to non-soda, switch to no car
- Website – ToledoBNO.com – being pushed, push it when you can
- District Improvement Grant and Land Bank (Triangle), stones over mulch might start soon.
- Memorial Brick Fundraiser (January-March) – remember it's a military and/or service memorial, NOT a war memorial.
- Christmas Family in the works, think about donating, talking to Burroughs soon

IV – New Business

- Direction of the BNO – SEE CHARTS BELOW.
 - Signs at Triangle
 - Outreach
 - Blight/Nuisances
- BNO Officer Elections
 - President – interim President – Robert Worthington (Robert will continue to operate as President on an interim basis. Normal business handled. Insisted the volunteer reality be respected, not beholden to anybody, flack would not be tolerated, personal political activity would not be stifled, and personal writing and

political activity would likely offend some. Professional demeanor would be used when acting as a representative for the BNO. Requests from members of behavior change are welcome but not guaranteed to be accepted. Anyone is welcome to run for president throughout the year during the interim term. If anyone has a problem with how things are run, they are welcome to step up and assume the responsibilities of President if that is the will of the group (assuming they meet the requirements for officers – live in the neighborhood, have paid dues for the year, member in good standing).

- Vice-President – vacant, open for election if there is a willing member
- Treasurer – elected Treasurer – nomination by Dan, 2d by LL, unanimous Buffy
- Secretary – interim Secretary – Sarah W.

V – Upcoming

- Core Meeting – December 2nd – 6:30pm – Toledo Heights Library
- General Meeting – December 16th – 7pm – Burroughs Elementary School
 - Potential Volleyball Game / Potluck for December 16th General Meeting
 - Talking to Burroughs soon

VII – Open Floor

Time to renew the letter to the Administration about snow and parking across sidewalks.

TPS should work on lighting the end of the Burroughs drive way.

VIII – Adjourn/Clean-up/Exit

DIRECTION OF THE BNO – SIGNAGE AT TRIANGLE

	<u>Should we allow the following signs to be placed at The Triangle?</u>	Yes	No
1.	Candidate Signs (Ex. RILEY)	3	
2.	ISSUE Signs (Ex. Issue 8)	3	
3.	Legitimate Event Signs (Ex. Polka Picnic, Polish Fest)	3	
4.	Other Event Signs (Ex. Yard Sale at 2050 Dana)	3	
5.	Commercial Advertising by Business Partners (Bambino's)		3
6.	Other Commercial Advertising or other Job Postings		3
7.	Commercial Advertising ON LIGHT POLES (Ex. CASH NOW)		3
8.	Event Signs by Neighbors ON LIGHT POLES (Ex. YARD SALE)	1	2
9.	Some with Permission (With a letter/visit to BNO)	3	
10.	Any with Permission (With a letter/visit to BNO)	1	2

Maybe a portion of the Triangle for free speech?

Maybe in the back part?

Would that reflect on us when the big stone Burroughs Neighborhood sign is put in?

Maybe not if all points of view are allowed.

Would offensive signs be allowed if we are allowing free speech?

Advertising on light poles might not be legal.

ALL with the expectation that they be removed when the appropriate time frame ends.

Expectation of event DATES on signs. "TODAY" does not count for yard sales.

All would be taken out if they were not removed timely.

Keep in mind that other members might remove them on their own, not in coordination with BNO.

DIRECTION OF THE BNO – OUTREACH

	<u>Should we be reaching out to:</u>	Yes	No
11.	Neighbors via door to door	1 (lit drop, yearly)	2
12.	Neighbors via email	2	1
13.	Neighbors via Facebook	2	1
14.	Neighbors with yard signs	2(with website)	1
15.	Burroughs Neighborhood Businesses in person	3	0
16.	Burroughs Neighborhood Businesses via letter	2	0
17.	Other Businesses in person	2	0
18.	Other Neighborhood Organizations	2	0
19.	Other Citizen Organizations	2	0
20.	Other Individuals	2	0
21.	Non-Profit Institutions	2	0
22.	Government Entities (City Departments: Neighborhoods, Police)	3	0
23.	Elected Officials	3	0

Businesses if they reciprocate the publicity/effort.

Unified clean up.

19-23 on Blight and Nuisance

DIRECTION OF THE BNO – BLIGHT/NUISANCES

	<u>In regard to blight and/or nuisance properties:</u>	Yes	No
24.	Do we make blighted/nuisance properties the top priority for the BNO?	3	0
25.	<p>Is (24.) within our Constitutional Mission?</p> <p>1. MISSION STATEMENT Our Mission is to serve the people of The Burroughs by providing information and services that contribute to the stability and vitality of the community and neighborhood in which we live.</p> <p>b. The people of the Burroughs Neighborhood Organization will focus on four main values:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. Safety (Block Watch, Safety Tips, etc.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">ii. Community Care (Block Parties, Clean Up, Elderly Care, Beautification, Health & Wellness)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">iii. Communication (Website, Email, Flyers, etc. – Community Awareness)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">iv. Political Action (Voter Assistance, City Council, Local Business Accountability)</p> <p>c. To prevent the BNO from becoming a stereotypical “neighborhood association” nuisance policing insignificant things, this Neighborhood Organization is restricting its involvement to the four values listed above unless the amendment proposed is passed by a simple majority vote by the Members present over the past twelve Core Meetings.</p>	1	0
26.	Is (24.) within the spirit of the BNO?	2	0
27.	Do we have members who care about this specific priority - Do you?	1	1
28.	Do we have enough people to carry out this action - Would you?	1	1
29.	Do we have specific targets or a limited general type or targets?	2	0
30.	Do we stick with aid and caution?	2	0
	Is Aid and Caution working?	1	0
	Do we have other options?	0	2
	Do we know which targets could use help?	1	1
31.	Do we take an aggressive/prosecutorial route?		2
	Would it work?		1
	Is it safe?		1
	Is it worth it?		1
	Do we have the right, as private citizens, and more importantly, as a neighborhood organization, to interfere with the property rights of certain others, especially owner-occupants, including the right to be left alone?		3
	Will it harm the reputation of the BNO?	1	1
32.	Are the some targets who are just down on their luck?	1	1
33.	Do we participate in the ReInvest Toledo attempt at a unified voice?	3	
34.	Do we put our faith in ReInvest Toledo/LCLand Bank and others?	1	0

Discussion needed on 27-31.

Targets: Burned down, boarded up, overgrown, vacant, severe litter in yard or in front of house, or if violating serious law.

We will say “no” to smaller issues.

Top priority to push tipping point in the right direction.

Maybe Blight/Nuisance should be a goal – leave to Core group – leave to January.

Give resources for help.

What can we really do?

Definition of Blight: overgrown yard, boarded up windows, abandoned, vacant, nuisance, littered yard, unkempt, crumbling structure, structure in disrepair, long grass and weeds.