

Northside Community Council Goals

2015-2018

Goal One: Quality of Life

Ignite a community spirit that fosters a desire to live peaceably and responsibly with one another and where residents place health, education, family and compassion as top priorities.

Safety/Crime (Murray, Keller)

- Cultivate an informed residency on the topic of Northside Crime and Safety.
 - Stay informed of statistics
 - Maintain an authority position on the topic
 - Engage residents with factual information
 - Specific projects: Awareness and information
- Maintain and grow a positive and healthy relationship with District 5 and the Cincinnati Police Department
 - Invite district 5 to all meetings
 - Share honest perspectives on crime and safety issues regarding the neighbor
 - Support shared efforts by sharing information
 - Celebrate accomplishments together
 - Specific projects: Engagement with district 5
- Support and spread a sense of community ownership among residents of Northside.
 - Create opportunities for shared community improvements
 - Create and share tools and information to spur resident action
 - Specific projects: Playground Party, Clean ups
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Food Access (Minnerich, Dourson, Senerchia)

- Work with Cincinnati Union Coop Initiative to open a community and worker owned grocery store in the walkable business district including grant writing support

- Work with CUCI and CAIN to support community ownership that reflects the diversity of our neighborhood

Education/Community Learning Initiatives (Wilke, Sears, Neurohr, Keller, Dourson)

- Continue to develop and promote the Northside Learns Initiative
- Work with CBI and CPS to develop an asset map of Northside resources in support of Northside Learns
- Identify and solicit possible donors in support of education initiatives

Youth (Wilke)

- Hold a pilot Dream Conference, teach in Northside schools and look for opportunities outside the neighborhood

Accessibility

Residents Living in Poverty (Wilke)

- Identify the faces behind our poverty statistics, needs and resources collaborating

Goal Two: Infrastructure/Buildings/Land Use

Systematically identify and track planned upgrades and needed repairs to our infrastructure. Plan for necessary growth, development, improvement, and utilization of our buildings and property to ensure their best use in a way that supports a strong, diverse, and connected community.

Road Repair and Improvements

Street Lights and Crosswalks

Transit Infrastructure (Minnerich, Kroner)

- Work with the City on the development of our bus transit hub to include soliciting input from our residents

Hoffner Park and Other Recreational Property (Heller-Jackson, Wilke)

- Work with city agencies to develop ways for Northside non-profit community groups to better and more easily use Northside parks and recreational assets (Heller-Jackson, Wilke)

Dog Park/Greenspace

Blighted Properties (Murray, Heller-Jackson)

- Work with the City and community organizations to implement grassroots strategies to identified and manage blight creating a safe and healthy neighborhood
- Maintain records of our own neighborhood cleanup efforts

Land Use Plan Implementation/Form Based Code (Kroner, Minnerich, Senerchia)

- Work with the City, the Port Authority, NBA, and NEST to identify short term steps to realizing the goals of the 2014 Northside Land Use Plan including pursuit of funding
- Pursue equitable, sustainable development via EPA grant and funding for LEED-ND

Accessible/Visitable Housing Options

Goal Three: Finance

Ensure a stable financial situation, grow revenue to support community projects and be practical stewards of Council finances through membership expansion, grant seeking, fundraising and appropriate fiscal oversight

Fiscal Agency

Use of a CPA (Kroner, Kinsman)

- Work with a CPA to ensure NCC's books are in order and create a system to help maintain financial order during officer transitions

Fundraising Activities

NSP Funding (Heller-Jackson)

- Administer the 2015 NSP process including application, selection of fund recipients and any follow-up

Goal Four: Capacity Building

Improve Council governance and internal and external communications by pursuing opportunities for training, building relationships with neighborhood and community organizations and more effectively using technology and social media

Membership Expansion (Senerchia, Sears)

- Develop a comprehensive strategy to reach & attract more neighbors in the community.
- Develop a strategy and marketing materials to help community council meetings feel more inclusive.

By-Laws Revision (Kinsman, Wilke)

- Complete revision of Council By-Laws and secure approval of Council

Website Revision (Kroner, Murray)

- Overhaul Northside.net to update content, look and feel, and make mobile-friendly

Improved Communications/Use of Technology

Training Opportunities for Board Members (ALL)

- Identify Training Needs and Resource Opportunities

Relationship with Neighborhood Organizations (Heller-Jackson)

- Hold a Joint Meeting with the NBA 1-2 times in 2015

Building Relationships with Other Councils (Heller-Jackson, Sears, Allen, Wilke)

- Plan/hold a joint meeting with 3-4 community councils to learn about and share best practices 1-2 times a year