

August 2018 Meeting Notes

In attendance: Pat O'donnell, Lisa Gillham, Kate Greene, Emily Ahouse, Chris Schneider, Paul Patton, Billie McDaniel, Leigh Drake

Economic Development:

- Ritte's Corner: The LBA continues to work on getting the Latonia banners designed, printed, and installed throughout the business district. They have received approval from Duke Energy to install banners on the polls.
- The Main Street Steering Committee welcomed Jody Robinson from Bellevue's Main Street program to present to the group in September. They are currently working on an action plan for the upcoming year.

Grant Opportunity:

- Quit for Good Challenge: The Center has launched a new grant opportunity: "The Quit for Good Challenge". Our team would like to invest in people with creative ideas to strengthen the community and reduce tobacco usage. Our goal is to reduce the number of smokers in Covington by 200 people. We have \$250 - \$500 grants available to community members who assist us in reaching this goal! We encourage projects that help us better understand the challenges of quitting smoking and better support community members who want to quit smoking. Do you have a creative idea that would help us engage more people and reach our goals? Submit your idea here: <https://goo.gl/forms/qZAi5knPACEkOfu1>

Housing/Historic District:

- Signage Concerns/Suggestions:
 - PDS is working on the best way to condense their street sign data for Latonia into a usable format (it is apparently very large).
 - The SAS committee decided to photograph signage inconsistencies and discuss priority areas/signs that need to be updated. [Here is a google sheet](#) (click the link) with the photos that Paul submitted. *If you know of an area in Latonia with inconsistent, extraneous, or unsightly signage, please take a photo and add it directly to the google doc or send them to me* with a brief description and I will add them for you.* *Please note that The Center's server limits file size so you may need to send each photo separately or send them to this gmail account cgnlovesthecov@gmail.com
- Code enforcement: Walter Mace is unable to attend the September meeting. Kate has followed up with a request for him to attend the October or November meeting.
- Welcome to the Neighborhood: The SAS will work with The City to design a Welcome to the Neighborhood brochure. The group made the following suggestions for brochure content:
 - how to get involved in your neighborhood (neighborhood page, The Center's website)
 - basic code enforcement info (grass, broken windows, how to report, etc.)
 - non emergency contact info
 - recycling info

- garbage pickup schedule
- key city ordinances
- number for voter registration
- Donna shared the following link which lists many of items listed above:
<https://www.covingtonky.gov/residents/new-resident-checklist>. Does anyone have any other suggestions for the brochure that they would like to add in for consideration?

Greenspace / Recreation:

- Wednesday, September 12th, is the Barb Cook Park Neighborhood Picnic:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/304956503434899/> Come for free food, games, and activities, and to share your ideas for the park. Can't make the event? You can also fill out an online survey at www.barbcookpark.com or by texting BARBCOOK to 555888.
- Volunteer opportunity: The Parks Advisory Group is looking for community members to serve as ambassadors to help gather input by volunteering at outreach events, passing out flyers, spreading the word, identifying events around the community to survey stakeholders, and more. If you are interested and able to pitch in, please contact Shannon Ratterman:
shannon@greatneighborhoods.org
- Latonia .5K: Paul is working on a 2019 Latonia .5K (yes, you read that right) as a fundraiser to benefit Latonia - fund recipient TBD. The working title is "The Latonia Horseless Race". He will be engaging the business community to partner, featuring Latonia favorites like donuts from Moonrise, drinks from Green Lantern, and more. More information to come!