June Meeting, 6/6/2016

Meeting brought to order at 6:31pm

Chris introduction

Minutes approved

12 South Farmers Market- need volunteers for 6/28 peach festival,

Lee- Announcement on behalf of Islamic Center- Having classes and dinner for Ramadan throughout the month

Will Pinkston-

Reps school board in our area of town. Have a new super for Davidson Co. School. Starts July 1st, but has already started making moves. Working on parent engagement and teacher involvement, wants to push down resources to principles. Career educator from suburban DC. Heavy emphasis on early childhood education, teacher compensation and development. 1st African American superintendent in Davidson Co. history.

Will is also running for a second term for school board. Pinkstonforschools.com for anyone who wants to get involved.

Harold Love- Rep for district 58- pass out cards

Important election coming up in august- state legislature and school board rep.

Welcome new Sgt. Michelle Jones- taking over for other Sgt Jones- with dept for 10 years and has patrolled Edgehill, green hills, 12 south, etc.

Edgehill Bike Club- Terry Key –

Started helping kids fix bikes after the flood in 2010. Try to get more bike lanes, keep kids out of trouble, doing a lot of great things in the neighborhood and get involved. There are cards... take used bikes and teach kids how to use them. www.Edgehillbikeclub.org

Big Chef Little Chef- kids have been working with chefs in Nashville.

Neighborhood block captain program- a lot of chatter on FB and Nextdoor about crime issues. To keep neighborhood connected through block captain program. If you are interested you can sign up through website...want to have organizational/ training meeting in July, still need to get it set up

1-2 people per block will be responsible for disseminating info on the block- key person of contact on their street

Eventually want the newsletter to eventually be in print so it is accessible to people who don't use the internet.

Hope to have board liaison to the captains, hope to be a way for neighbors to connect more. Looking into getting neighborhood watch signs

Sgt Jones- police dept can help with signs, businesses are also willing to help.

In the newsletter there is a link to sign up. Going to move forward with the program in July.

Financial report- Chris K

No real updates since homes tour. No funds dispersing since last meeting....neighborhood beautification ideas that we could spend some of the funds on? Email board with ideas and discuss at the next meeting.

Anyone from DA's office- No one present

Tiny House Movement-

David Lattimer- Tiny homes can be a solution to affordable housing.

- -Growth is exciting but terrifying, want people to have the opportunity to stay where they are at
- -Tiny houses- intentional living, having a small space, about community. -- Good design, affordable and attainable.
- -Has built 3 tiny houses & involved with the EC- looking at
- -Tiny houses for the homeless- he is going a different route
- -Obstacles- zoning restrictions- limited sq footage, on a trailer
- -Believes they are a huge solution for urban density that doesn't obstruct neighborhoods.

Question-

Veterans- is there financing available? Can they use their VA loans? Is he concentrated in Nashville?

Financing is a challenge- His business model would be similar to Tom's shoes... He is working on financing, but they are more traditional. End game is to make the tiny homes more accessible. Concentrated in Nashville, but would sell the homes anywhere. Working to get them legalized ...

Square footage & price point- have a trailer foundation 200-350 sq ft. Everything is multi functional.

On Facebook- New Frontier Tiny Homes...

Open Discussion on Neighborhood concerns

- -Meeting next Monday night 6/13 @ 6:30pm- Discussing 2 potential zoning requests. Colby will be leading. One is on 10th Ave. Not major projects but wanted to let everyone know.
- -Another month before they will do a public meeting for the Bristol/Tabernacle development.
- -Bill Mays- sidewalks, when will they be finished? Would be a Colby question.
- -Lee- public works beginning in June- replacing sewers on 10th and surrounding streets. Lots of construction for at least for the next year.

Will Pinkston– Second Saturday breakfast this Saturday at 8:30am at the Hook, Colby will host.

Harold Love- Running for re-election- Loveinthehouse58th.com

Donald- crime on Nextdoor

Kroger incident? Man was caught

Stories about kids going in peoples backyards- Sgt Jones – officers are very aware and have been driving around the neighborhoods/alleyways and knocking on doors to talk with neighbors.

Another reason we want to get the block program going- to help inform neighbors of crime as well as other information.

People knocking on doors late at night-take precautions, call 911.

Neighbor was broken into on 4/29 and called police 4 times, neighbors called 2 more times and no police ever came.

Crimes go up during the summer times because kids have lot of time on their hands.

All the more reason to support organizations like Edgehill Bike Club...they have seen crime decrease when they can have their activities

Art Exhibits at Halcyon bike shop this august.

Donald- Planning on having a block party for 12 South, still working on it

Operation Stand Down- Just down 12 Ave. S.- try to help out vets, can make donations and they have a Thrift Store

As a board want to highlight a non profit each month to get the neighborhood.

Next months meeting falls on July 4th so we will not meet then, will pick a different day.

Motion to adjourn