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From the Board President



Dear Friends,

2019 was a year full of amazing accomplishments. I am thrilled to report the NNRO remains strong. I am always inspired by the energy that our team commits to achieving our goals. It takes a tremendous amount of collaboration to do our work and 2019 was a wonderful example of what can be achieved when we come together.

This year the NNRO completed its 50th affordable single family home! It is so great to know that we are helping families realize the dream of homeownership. The economic impact of this milestone is extraordinary and these homeowners are contributing to the long term vitality of the neighborhood.

After a fruitful capital fundraising campaign, we also hosted a groundbreaking at the Historic #7 Firehouse. We are excited to see this great old structure sparkle again next year! The University of Notre Dame and neighbors also broke ground on the new Robinson Community Learning Center. We can't wait to experience what will be a gorgeous educational environment.

The board also began re-imaging the next five years for the NNRO and how our work might adapt to new challenges. We were excited to welcome several new board members to this strategic planning effort we are calling NNRO 2.0. I am also delighted to officially welcome Oaklawn Psychiatric Center as a 2020 NNRO funding partner. Oaklawn has a long history in the neighborhood and we are so excited to have their support as we move into a new decade.

2019 was another awesome year. We are eager to start 2020 with new partners and a re-energized focus on helping our neighbors. Thanks for you all you do!

Sincerely,

Tim Sexton
Board President

Statement of Financial Position

Cash & equivalent	\$596,202	Accounts Payable	\$110,157
Net real estate held for resale	\$132,273	Other current liabilities	\$111,661
Net fixed assets	\$241,215	Net assets	\$747,872
Total Assets	\$969,690	Total Liabilities / Net Assets	\$969,690

MISSION

To facilitate the revitalization efforts and continue to foster diversity within the Northeast Neighborhood - its residents, businesses and stakeholders - into a safe, vital, cohesive community that preserves its assets and respects the needs of all who reside, work and visit within its boundaries.

GOALS

- A safe, clean and attractive neighborhood
- An economically and ethnically diverse community
- High-quality housing and increased home ownership opportunities
- Attractive and appropriate retail and commercial development
- Good schools and improved educational opportunities



2019 Accomplishments



Homeownership:

Two new construction homes were sold to income-qualified, first-time homeowners.



Spirit of the NNRO Award:

Awarded to Karl King for his ongoing support of the NNRO - congratulations!



Historic Firehouse #7:

Groundbreaking ceremony held in October to kickoff the start of rehabilitation.



The Triangle:

Welcomed new homeowner to the Triangle with the completion of home construction.



Robinson Community Center:

Groundbreaking ceremony held in October to kickoff the start of construction.



50 Affordable Homes:

Completed and sold its 50th affordable home in the neighborhood.



New Board Members

Several new members representing partners and residents joined the board.



Development Reviews:

NNRO Board reviewed and offered recommendations for several new developments.



South Bend
Heritage

Since 2002, SBH has assisted the NNRO in developing and implementing projects in the NE Neighborhood, as well as managed business operations.

Residents

Residents play an important role on the NNRO board. As the members that live in the neighborhood, the outcomes of the projects, developments, and programs that the NNRO manages directly impact them and their families. Having resident members represented ensures that all decisions are made with the neighborhood in mind first.

Chuck Nelson: I feel privileged and humbled to be involved with the NNRO and the accomplishments that have been made to date for improving the physical characteristics of the neighborhood. The work of the NNRO is far from completed but we are making strides in the right direction.

Solomon Anderson: I'm proud of the work NNRO has done to keep the neighborhood safe and clean and a desirable place to live. We've worked hard to ensure a diverse neighborhood. It's a nice melting pot from which other neighborhoods throughout the country can use as a model.

Jeff Jurgonski: I have been on the NNRO board for a little over a year; the NNRO provided me an opportunity to purchase a home at a time I may not have been able to. I am grateful for this and view my time spent serving on the board as giving back to the organization and the community.

Kisha Hoover: I began serving on the NNRO Board as a Residential Board Member shortly after purchasing my home in 2014. I am proud to be on the NNRO because as a neighborhood resident I'm able to serve on the Board and give back to the neighborhood that has given so much to me.

Jessica McCrea: I am in my 2nd year on the NNRO board, and have the honor of working on the NNRO 2.0 sub-committee that was established to help develop ways to assist our fellow residents become more economically empowered.

I am honored to be serving as a resident member, amongst a group of individuals from the community who, together, have the same collective mission to improve the environment & place that we call home.

Jessica McCrea, Northeast Neighborhood Resident



Partners



The NNRO has been an example of what can be accomplished when people come together, with passion, for a common purpose. The relationships which have been formed through the years, between residents and funding partners, are truly special.

Tim Sexton, University of Notre Dame



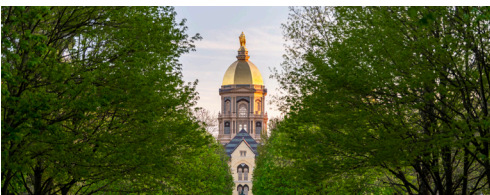
St Joseph Health System



South Bend Clinic



Beacon Health System



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City of South Bend



NE Neighborhood Council

Beacon Health System: Beacon Health System has been a partner since the NNROs inception. While not physically located in the neighborhood, Beacon's programs and community health initiatives have greatly benefited the residents of the neighborhood over the years. After nearly 20 years of service on the Board Beacon has left the NNRO - thank you for many great years of partnership!

City of South Bend: The City of South Bend maintains an important role as a partner by providing essential funding through CDBG and HOME funding and development and design expertise.

Northeast Neighborhood Council: The NENC runs the Food Pantry that serves hundreds of families living in the NEN each month, providing meals, clothing, and other household essentials to those in need.

St. Joseph Health System: In 2005, the NNRO and St. Joseph Health System began working toward an agreement that allowed for joint planning and development of the hospital's downtown site. Now, after 15 years of partnership, SJHS remains a dedicated partner by offering critical health services to residents.

South Bend Clinic: South Bend Clinic joined the NNRO in 2006 as they began their major expansion efforts in the neighborhood. The Clinic has been an amazing resource for residents as they continue to provide convenient resources and healthcare in the neighborhood.

University of Notre Dame: Notre Dame has been privileged to be a funding partner of NNRO since the organization's inception. In collaboration with residents and the other funding partners, UND has seen the Northeast Neighborhood go through an incredible transformation and many successes.



New Funding Partner: Oaklawn

Oaklawn became a part of the neighborhood more than 10 years ago, when it was named community mental health center for St. Joseph County. Oaklawn President and CEO Laurie Nafziger joined the NNRO Board of Trustees earlier this year, strengthening the bond between Oaklawn and its closest corporate and civic neighbors.

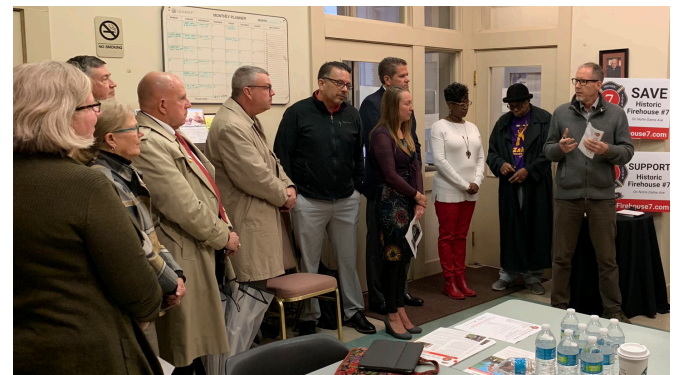


In 2016, the NNRO secured ownership of the historic Firehouse #7, located at the corner of Notre Dame Ave and South Bend Ave. Built in 1904, the Queen Anne style building was designed by Notre Dame graduate Charles Brehmer, and was used as a functioning firehouse until 1968, when it became too antiquated to continue operation. Shortly after, the Firehouse became home to the Northeast Neighborhood Council and has housed a food pantry for the neighborhood.

Serving not only as a visible marker to the entrance of the Northeast neighborhood, but a neighborhood resource center and a National Historic Landmark, it is critical that the building be preserved. In 2017, a campaign was launched, staffed by neighborhood volunteers, to raise funds to rehabilitate the building. Repairs include:

- » Masonry repairs
- » Scrape siding & paint
- » Roof repairs, new gutters
- » Carpentry repairs
- » New entry doors and hardware
- » New and updated lighting
- » New ADA accessible parking lot
- » Site work & landscaping

Repairs were kicked off in 2019 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The chimney addition was removed and a new HVAC system installed. Repairs will be completed in Fall 2020.



Historic Firehouse #7

HistoricFirehouse7.com

NNRO 2.0: Engaging Community

Throughout 2019, it became clear that new opportunities were emerging for the NNRO. The original scope of work focused on the physical environment, and those successes have far exceeded original expectations: Eddy Street Commons has replaced scruffy woods, vacant lots, and blighted property with a \$315 million, mixed-use neighborhood; the Notre Dame Avenue Housing Program brought 52 new/rehabbed, high-quality, owner-occupied homes to the area immediately south of Notre Dame; The Triangle replaced a deteriorated residential neighborhood with 50 new, high-quality, market-rate and affordable homes; and 48 affordable housing units have been generated in multiple locations throughout the NEN, most visibly on Hill Street.

As dramatic as the physical transformation of the NEN has been, there is still work to be done. Moving into the new decade, the NNRO intends to shift its focus onto the “human environment” by supporting residents in their pursuits for economic empowerment, holistic resident wellness, and the preservation of affordable, quality housing.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT: Economic Empowerment provides residents with important tools, such as legal assistance, financial coaching, and securing employment opportunities to help them succeed while maintaining housing stability.

RESIDENT WELLNESS: Resident Wellness includes projects and programs that assist residents with resources that support their mental, emotional, and physical health. Lead by a Resident Wellness Task Force, this opportunity area addresses needs for direct health services for NEN residents, such as mental health counseling and physical health screenings.

PROMOTING AND PRESERVING AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Activities promoting home ownership and rental housing, including financial capability and other education, pre-purchase counseling, financial assistance (both loans and grants), and the marketing and sale of newly developed properties.

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