

**NIOT Subcommittee Meeting Summary**  
**March 21, 2014**  
**BG Council Chambers (2 – 4pm)**

**Attendance:**

Vicky Kulicke	Cyndie Roberts	Mary Beth Zachary	Abby Priehs
Monica Moll	Kristin Brewer	Dan Boyle	Ray Plaza
Vivienne Felix	Barbara Keller	Heather Sayler	Susana Peña
Gary Saunders	Tanisha Scott	Kate Sommerfeld	

Meeting call to Order – 2:00 pm

**I. Welcome**

Meeting called to order by Barbara Keller.

**II. Review Minutes from the February 14, 2014 meeting**

Minutes were shared via the List-serv. Following changes were shared at the meeting and subsequently approved:

- Dan Boyle is serving as Chair of the East Side Association Committee and looking at clauses for local leases for landlords that own property on Wooster.
- Discussion centered on the offensive signs that are displayed during move-in on the properties along Wooster Street
- Statement in previous minutes for Ad-Hoc

**III. Follow-up Issues**

- a. Gary Saunders – Sentinel Tribune
  - i. Gary shared that the Editor is supportive of the NIOT effort and is looking for ways to provide whatever support and assistance is needed.
- b. Ad Hoc committee from residence life statement for landlords on West Wooster
  - i. Still in preliminary stages
  - ii. Target deadline of April for the development of a statement
  - iii. Exploring ways to approach discussions with Landlords as well as how to enforce them to include the clause

**IV. Campus Co-Chair Update – Vicky**

- a. Save the Date Reminder – April 10, 2014 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for a preview screening of the Bowling Green NIOT Film. Location is still TBD.
- b. The one year anniversary NIOT event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7pm in Olscamp 113. Special Guest is Patrice O’Neil, leader of the national NIOT movement.

- c. Representatives from the National organization will be in Bowling Green from 4/14 – 4/17. They are interested in screening of their new film “Waking in Oak Creek”. The film profiles a suburban community and local law enforcement attempting to heal after their town is rocked by deadly hate crime shootings at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin, killing six Sikh worshipers. Currently looking for possible venues to show the movie in the local community.

The film will also be shown to Dr. Lisa Hanasono’s communication class. Dr. Hanasono’s class has been working on a series of projects related to NIOT and the goal is to expand this effort to include the community this summer and beyond.

- d. On the same day as the NIOT one year anniversary event, a series of diversity related activities will be taking place on the BGSU campus. The whole day is called “Diversity Fest”. The events are being finalized and more information to be shared. Events would be open to the entire community.
- e. NIOT National Leadership Gathering – is taking place this summer from June 20 – June 22 in Billings, Montana. With Bowling Green’s designation as a Gold Start City, it will be important that Bowling Green have representatives at this gathering. A handout was passed around that provides details on the hotels, rates and other information.
- f. NIOT Shirts
  - i. Developing a NIOT shirt that would be available to all members of the community. The shirt would include the logos of the city and university to reflect the partnership with the effort.
  - ii. Looking at using the shirts as a way to help raise additional funds to support the broader effort.
  - iii. Due to some other conversations, different individuals and entities have come forward and pledged funds to cover the initial cost of the shirts.
  - iv. A sign-up sheet was passed around to get initial interest on anyone interested in purchasing a shirt.
- g. Volunteers for NIOT event on April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Currently looking for interested individuals willing to help during the NIOT event on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## V. Community Co-Chair Update – Barbara

- a. Community Volunteers for Working groups
  - i. Desire to ensure that we have community volunteers and representation on the different NIOT working groups
  - ii. Looking for ways to help recruit
- b. Role of the Human Relations Commission (HRC)
  - i. Stressed the important role of the HRC within the community.

- ii. Supporting the Ohanami Cherry Blossom Festival taking place on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 6:30 pm in Olscamp 101
- iii. Recognizes individuals and groups on a quarterly basis – opportunity to highlight those making a difference within the community
- iv. Instrumental with their annual MLK program and their Drum Major for Peace awards.

## **VI. Updates from working groups**

- a. **Outreach Initiatives** (Casey) – unable to attend
- b. **Education and Programming** (Tobias)
  - i. Efforts as part of the one-year anniversary
- c. **Marketing and Public Relations** (Ray)
  - i. Earlier update on NIOT shirts and working with the BGSU Bookstore
  - ii. Request for some type of window clings to go on the police cars. The window clings would look similar to the pledge card. Initial request for bumper stickers but prefer window clings.
  - iii. Working with Dr. Hanasono on developing the technical side of the video project leading to a public BG NIOT You Tube Channel.

## **VII. New Business**

- a. Contact made with the Pastor at the Unitarian Church and they are interested in providing support for NIOT. An example was mentioned about their display board along Route 25 and how it attracts attention in a welcoming manner. Opportunity to connect with NIOT messages.
- b. Reminder mentioned about understanding the historical context of the moment that we are in, and the challenges faced. BG has faced challenges since its inception and part of an ongoing effort to improve and make a difference.

## **VIII. Future Meeting Schedule**

Date	Time	Location
April 7, 2014	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	201 BTSU
May 1, 2014	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	BG City Council Chambers

## **IX. Good of the Order and other updates**

- Gary Saunders shared that he enjoyed the 18<sup>th</sup> State of the State Conference held the day before on the BGSU campus. He also noted that challenges remain within the church community as certain churches refuse to be open to different diversity topics and issues.

- Vicki shared that at the State of the State Conference, NIOT materials were available and this generated a lot of interest from other communities in Ohio. She will be following up with them.
- Ray Plaza shared details about the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Latino Issues Conference taking place on April 2, 2014, as well as mentioning the efforts behind yesterday's State of the State Conference. If anyone is interested in being a part of the state-wide committee, please contact Dr. Emily Monago.
- Cyndie Roberts shared that during Summer Orientation (SOAR), a series of Family Roundtables will be taking place. This is similar to an effort that had taken place previously known as Coffee and Connections.
- Susana Peña shared details regarding two events taking place for Women's History Month. One is on March 24<sup>th</sup> and features Madison Kimrey, a 12-year Old Political Activist and Suffragist. The other event is on March 28<sup>th</sup> and features Dr. Lorena Garcia and her topic is "Risk & Responsibility: Naming & Disrupting the Inequalities in Girls' Lives".
- Kate Sommerfeld from the United Way shared information about a new 211 essential community services system. You dial 2-1-1, and are able to access information. Information is also available in Spanish.
- Ray shared that La Conexion de Wood County is holding a fundraiser tonight (March 21<sup>st</sup>) at Casa Fiesta and it will be followed by a Latin Dance.

The next meeting of the NIOT Subcommittee will be on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4pm in Room 201 of the Bowen Thompson Student Union.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Summary prepared by Ray Plaza with notes provided by Kristin Brewer