

# Northside Alive Committee Meeting

## 2024

DATE: Wednesday, March 6th, 2024

TIME: 12:30 P.M.

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### AGENDA

#### 1. Introductions

#### 2. Updates:

- a. Community Mural: Feedback Session
  - i. We had a great turn out for the event, about 15 neighborhood residents.
    1. Themes: Closeness, Youth, History, Transportation, Appreciation of Place, Slowing Down, Traveling through time...
  - ii. We are still collecting feedback for the mural. If you are interested in providing your input please provide your responses in the following form: <https://forms.gle/Xh5ssYrsjQEHnw829>
- b. Walking Audit Update
  - i. Crosswalk Painting: The Below Northside Crosswalks were identified for repainting in the walking audit. Many of these routes are along student walking routes. This information was shared with Public Works and a request was made to have them repainted early spring. *Based on our walk audit discussions the **bolder style was preferred if possible in repainting along the school routes** since it is more visible.*

#### Requested Crosswalk Locations:

1. Maple St & E. North (outside school) - this is where the painted bump outs were placed, can they be filled in with white as well to stand out.
2. Maple St & E. Broad (student walk)
3. Maple St & E. Union (student walk)
4. Linden St & E. North (student walk) - this is where the painted bump outs were placed, can they be filled in with white as well to stand out.
5. Maple St & E. Goepf (MS, HS, Elem. route - difficult intersection)
6. Main St. & W. Fairview (outside school)
7. N New Street & East Goepf
8. New & W. Fairview - this is where the painted bump outs were placed, can they be filled in with white as well to stand out.
9. Linden & E. Maple (outside school)
10. Linden & Broad received upgraded signals - in 2023. In anticipation of the Food Co-Op Opening and the high number of students that walk here can we have this repainted as well.

## Suggestions for future Traffic Light upgrades:

Feedback from our Northside Alive Walking Audit called out the following two intersections lacked some pedestrian friendly infrastructure and would be good candidates for potential upgrades.

### 1. **Main Street & West Goepf**

- Older Traffic Light, No Push Button or Visual Walk/Countdown
- Crossing Guard Present Before/After School
- Walking route for William Penn Students and route to Main Street from Moravian

### 2. **N New Street & East Goepf**

- Older Traffic Light, No Push Button or Visual Walk/Countdown
- Crossing Guard Present Before/After School

### 3. **Upcoming Events \*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\***

Willing to volunteer?: [Sign Up HERE!](#)

#### a. [Bethlehem Food Co-op Expo: Nourishing Community Connections](#)

Location: Charles A. Brown Icehouse

Date: Sunday, March 24th

Time: 4:00PM - 8:00PM

#### b. Northside Network (BASD): Housing Resource Fair

Location: Northeast Middle School

Date: Tuesday, April 2nd 2024

Time: 5:30-7:00PM

#### c. [Northside Alive Community Block Party: Block Party 2024](#)

Location: Bethlehem Branch of the Greater Valley YMCA

Date: Saturday, May 11th 2024

Time: 4:00PM - 8:00PM

#### d. Kickoff to Summer: Movie in the Park

Location: Elmwood Park

Date: Wednesday, June 12th 2024

Time: 5:30 \*Pre Movie Festivities, movie starts at sunset

### 4. **Planning**

#### a. Review Goals

#### b. Discussion (15 min)

##### i. Approval of Final Investments/Events

We reviewed the list of physical investments that could be made. Some physical improvements are already in the works. 2023 funding supported the purchase of two free little libraries that will be installed this spring. One will be placed in Elmwood Park and

one at Johnston Park. New holiday pole wraps were purchased and will be installed on the broad street acorn post between New & Center Street for years to come.

There is a strong desire from the committee members to focus on beautification.

Items that came to the top of the list are as follows:

- A solution to the litter and lack of waste receptacles (including pet waste)
- Planters
- Seating & Tables

Breakout groups had about 15 minutes to review events. A follow-up survey is going out to the committees for members to provide input and for folks who were not present to have an opportunity to share their thoughts.

## **5. Projects**

- a. Community Garden
  - i. The Bethlehem Health Department has funding to help Northside Alive support a community garden.

## **6. Open Floor**

- a. Research Opportunity
  - i. There was mention of another community initiative similar to the Dusk to Dawn light bulbs. Is there anything out there to support the purchase/installation of cameras for residents?