Our Mission

The Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc. is an organization of citizens dedicated to the preservation and revitalization of the neighborhood through

- providing affordable housing to low-moderate income households,
- organizing and empowering community residents, and
- promoting the neighborhood’s interest within the neighborhood and the entire community.
Neighbors in the Near Northwest have been hard at work too.

- In its 10th year, the 2012 Adopt-a-Block litter reduction program broke all previous records, adopting EVERY block in the neighborhood - well over 200 blocks!

- Four NNN general meetings and numerous committee meetings engaged residents in issues impacting the quality of life in the neighborhood. Residents learned to partner with local government and civic organizations to reduce plastics in yard waste, file a property tax appeal form, create a safer neighborhood block by block, and raise money for neighborhood green spaces.

- The 2012 Arts Café revisited the 800-900 block of Cottage Grove. The annual event, which invites the entire community to our neighborhood for a celebration of arts, culture and architecture, featured eight rehabilitated homes, with more neighborhood residents willing to open up their private homes than ever before. In July, the NNN Garden Walk similarly showcased 13 splendid neighborhood gardens and the depth of neighborhood pride.

Our most exciting accomplishment in 2012, however, was the launch of a comprehensive Quality of Life Planning Process with the capacity to transform our neighborhood. Focusing on our assets and strengths, together we will develop a common vision for the neighborhood and action plans to realize that vision during the coming months. We need EVERY ONE OF YOU to be involved! Please read on to learn more about the process and discover how you can be part of its success.
Quality of Life Planning

What does it take to transform a neighborhood? The answer: comprehensive community development.

Comprehensive community development is an approach to development activities that integrates physical, economic, and human development to create healthy neighborhoods. It recognizes that successful development efforts must be holistic and multifaceted; they must include human needs and relationships as well as physical spaces. They must engage both residents and stakeholders to plan for overall neighborhood quality of life.

Recognizing the need for such comprehensive planning, the NNN, with assistance from the Indiana Association for Community Economic Development (IACED), has initiated a Quality of Life Planning Process for the Near Northwest to accelerate our work to make the neighborhood an even more desirable place to live, work, and raise a family.

As the convening organization, the NNN will organize this planning, but the heart of the process is community involvement. We need everyone in the near northwest—homeowners and renters, business owners, employers and employees, everyone with a stake in the neighborhood—to come together to define our common future.
As a first step in the process, in early 2013 over 200 residents and community stakeholders were interviewed by neighbors and NNN members who were trained by James Capraro of the Institute for Comprehensive Community Development. Interviewees were asked to identify the neighborhood’s strengths, weaknesses, external opportunities and threats. Information from these interviews was collated by IACED staff who will present the results at an open Community Forum scheduled for March.

Later in Spring 2013, IACED staff will facilitate a “Quality of Life Planning Summit” at which residents and stakeholders will come together to build consensus around a common vision for the future of the neighborhood and articulate which community issues are most important to them.

From this summit, Working Groups will be established to develop action plans around topics critical to neighborhood quality of life. Finally, IACED will compile the plans of the Working Groups and draft a comprehensive Near Northwest Neighborhood Quality of Life Plan which we will celebrate with a public showcasing of the plan for neighbors, city government, funders and other stakeholders.

As you can see, at every step of the way, there is plenty of room - and need - for involvement. The entire process depends on each one of us making our own contribution to building a strong, healthy, vibrant community.

We at the NNN look forward to this year with great anticipation, excitement and enthusiasm. Come join us in this process. Together we can—and will—transform our neighborhood!
Thank You

The Board of Directors and staff of the Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc. extend deep gratitude to all of our supporters. We are singularly fortunate to have so many generous collaborators - individuals, corporations, foundations and partner organizations who assist our efforts. It is only with your help that we are able to accomplish our mission. Many thanks to all of you who have shared your time, talent, and financial resources with the NNN in the past year!

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Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2011

ASSETS

Cash $389,065
Grants receivable 376,708
Prepaid expenses 19,129
Property and equipment 747,794
Real estate held for resale, net of valuation allowance of $1,134,328. 533,987

TOTAL ASSETS $2,066,683

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable $162,721
Accrued expenses & other payable 51,983
Grant advances 727,405
Notes payable line-of-credit 48,440

TOTAL LIABILITIES 990,549

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted 1,076,134
Total net assets 1,076,134

Total Liabilities and Net Assets $2,066,683

Statement of Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2011

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Contributions $ 8,515
Rental income 29,894
Grant income – other 57,297
Grant income – federal 967,583
Miscellaneous 1,787
Interest income 14
Loss on sale of real property ( 364,794)
Total support and revenue 700,296

EXPENSES 695,958

Change in net assets 4,338
Net assets, beginning of year 1,071,796
Net assets, end of year $1,076,134

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