

Halteman Village Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes | March 26, 2019 | Halteman Village Baptist Church

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Minutes from March meeting
 - a) The March meeting consisted of a presentation/discussion from Ball State's President Geoffrey Mearns and Jim Lowe, director of Facilities, Planning and Management, regarding the former Mitchell property. Representatives from the Ball State Child Study Center (CSC) and YMCA's Apple Tree Child Development Center also provided information to the audience. No official minutes were taken; however, the following points were made:
 - i) This will be a new, innovative partnership between the YMCA Apple Tree Child Development Center, Ball State, and their Child Study Center.
 - ii) This initiative adheres to Ball State's strategic plan/mission to educate our students while enhancing the economic and social vitality of our community.
 - iii) This partnership is sponsored by the Department of Early Childhood, Youth and Family Studies in the Ball State Teachers College, and is supported by many key groups in Muncie, including Muncie Action Plan.
 - iv) The new name of the center will be the **Mitchell Early Childhood and Family Center**.
 - v) This program will provide a high-quality early learning environment for children from birth to age five who will benefit from its enhanced pre-K programming.
 - vi) Renovations will begin in late April, with anticipated completion in time for the facility to open in August.
 - vii) Both the CSC and AppleTree will share the Mitchell facility and its resources, although the two programs will operate somewhat independently.
 - viii) The hope is that the new Center will become a model of innovation and collaboration—both in terms of the quality of childcare opportunities, and ability to give new life to a building once bound for demolition.
 - ix) Enrollment in the programs is first-come, first-serve, with financial assistance available to those families that qualify.
 - x) The plans call for repurposing/reusing as much of the existing facilities as possible (including the outdoor learning lab at Apple Tree.
 - xi) Existing playground equipment will be relocated following construction of a fenced-in-area on the north and east side of the building. Public should be able to utilize any equipment outside of the fencing.
 - xii) The slide was deemed not up to code, and therefore is not safe to use. Because of this, it will be taken down.
 - xiii) For more information about the partnership, visit www.bsu.edu/bettertogether.
- 3) Treasurer's Report
 - a) No treasurer's report.
- 4) Old Business
 - a) No old business to report.
- 5) New Business
 - a) No new business to report.
- 6) Adjournment. Next meeting: April 30, 2019