Forum Notes 6-13-17

* 6:30-7:00pm: Introductions & Review of Eastside Grassroots Coalition’s matters
	+ Review of Children’s March
	+ Review of Neighborhood Name (East End Big 3, East End B3, EEB3)
	+ Meeting Structure Reminder
		- Meetings will be every second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm
		- Flyers were passed out with the dates for the next two meetings
		- The next meetings: July 13, August 10
	+ National Night Out—The Eastside Grassroots Coalition will have a table for the event on August 1
	+ McClelland Park—Rubye and Carla Ilhi discussed new additions to the park including the new pavilion and benches.
	+ Promotion of End of Year Review Booklet
		- Link to the booklet is on the Facebook page
* 7:00-8:00pm: Jackie James-Creedon Talk and Q & A
	+ Sam Miller introduced Jackie James-Creedon and also passed around sign up sheet for the environmental effort.
	+ Jackie spent about 25 minutes on her power point presentation on her efforts and took about 20 minutes of questions from residents
	+ Key points from her talk:
		- Need to find someone in the government to be in favor of their effort
			* She was able to work with Al Carlucci from NY State DEC who worked to get EPA grant to measure air pollutants
				+ This grant allowed them to find out that benzene was being emitted from the Coke Plant
		- It is crucial to find out who is the prosecuting attorney in the case against Erie Coke.
			* Should look up from the local Department of Justice
			* Aaron Mango was the prosecuting attorney in the case against the Coke Plant in Tonawanda
			* This resulted in the environmental manager going to jail for obstruction of justice
	+ Gary asked if they found a connection between the pollutants and childhood development.
		- She responded by saying that there is currently being a study done but it is a long-term study and won’t be released for a few years
	+ Another question: How did you handle the job loss question to your protest?
		- Find people in the government who campion their cause
		- State agencies can be the route to achieve goals
	+ Should also contact Senator Bob Casey about the issue since he has made previous statements on the issue
	+ Jackie also recommended hiring attorneys for personal injury lawsuits
		- This was one tactic that they used to extract money from the Tonawanda Coke Plant