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## Meeting Minutes, September 8, 2016

**Meeting - Call to Order:** Toni Miller, president

**Membership:** Jane Goepper – Extended Invitation for new members

**Review & Approval of Meeting Notes from August 11, 2016:** prepared by Secretary, David Payton

Motion to approve - Sara Leah Miller, Second - Sue Plummer,

**Review & Approval of Treasurer Report** – prepared by Treasurer, Sonya Young

Balance: \$4,178.06,

Motion to approve – Ladonna Pope, Second – Jeanna Smith

### Safety

#### o **Cincinnati Fire Department Report**

- o Ladder 23 Report. 394 Total Runs, 20 fire, 320 medical, 54 other.
- o Vacant property issues - Call 591-6000 to report
  - Report of Heroin use at 816 Beecher St.

#### o **Cincinnati Police Department Report – Officer Kandice Roper Issa**

- o Arrest was made for robberies at the Marathon on Victory Parkway
- o Info re: applying for cameras for the business group along business routes
  - Equipment compatible with city technology is required.
- o Legal Aid is continuing to work on a receivership for 2363 Kemper Lane Apts.
- o Heroin use – overdoses are still overwhelming police and health resources
  - Police are working with the Lighthouse to deal with Beecher Street prostitution.
  - Situation reported regarding addicts at 816 Beecher
  - Iowa at McGregor – Property management is serving notices following overdoses
  - Katherine Guardette requested police representation at the safety meetings.
    - Officer Roper Issa voiced time constraints, but committed to assist. She requested calls directly from resident's vs. posting issues on 'Next Door'

#### o **Safety Committee report – Katie Neltner**

- o Training will be conducted 5 pm, Fri Sept 16<sup>th</sup> at the Bush Center - How to avoid becoming a victim of crime and protect your house & property.

### Community Planning and Development – Kevin Wright

- o An overview of the Proposed Reinvestment Plan was presented and discussed prior to next month's vote to approve. Plan will be made available in hard copy as well as downloadable on the RF website
- o Mural unveiling at 5 Points Alley 9/30

### Community Updates

- o **Bush Recreation Center– Vanessa Henderson**
  - 50 kids total enrolled in summer programs. Afterschool programs are being initiated
- o **Elevate Walnut Hills – 5K run- Frankie Young**

- 5K run, sept 17<sup>th</sup> 9AM, 5 points for music, drinks afterword's
- Register online at [elevatewalnuthills.org](http://elevatewalnuthills.org)

**NSP Proposal for 2016-2017 – Beverly Clayton**

- Presentation – Breakdown & Discussion of proposed funding requests for 2016 - 2017
- Ballots were distributed, counted. Proposal was approved

**WH Board Nominating Committee – Barbara Farr**

- Need was expressed for new board participants. See Barbara for information

**Environment & Beautification – Jeanna Smith & Gary Dangle**

- Fall activities are being planned.
- Great American Cleanup was a success.
- Frederick Douglass School, cleanup/garden events, Sept 19
- Toyota event. Clean up Cincy will be held Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. See Gary Dangle for information.

**WH Historical Society – Sue Plummer**

- Monthly meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Next will be held at the First Baptist church and following month will be at the Church of the Advent. Meetings will focus on the history of the host site.
- Historical Society is collaborating the Cincy Stories project.
- Historical Society will be attending the elevate 5k and hosting a booth at the WH Food Festival

**Health & Wellness – Betty Waite/David Payton**

- Funding and Plan for building an urban orchard has been obtained. Ballots were distributed for preferred fruits.

**Web Site Development –Gary Dangle**

- Site is live including a new calendaring function for community events. URL is [wearewalnuthills.org](http://wearewalnuthills.org),

**Voter Registration Discussion:**

- Volunteers are needed for voter registration at various street sites
- Voters must re register if they haven't voted since 2008
- Deborah Riley – a Fellow at the Democratic Headquarters is seeking to register every voter, Open Registration is Sept 15, 5pm-8 pm, adjacent to PNC Bank parking lot

**Important Dates**

- "How to Avoid Being a Victim" Presented by Cincinnati Police Friday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> , 5:00 p.m. at Bush Center (food provided)
- WHRF Street Food Festival- Oct. 1 11-5
- East Walnut Hills/Walnut Hills Candidates Night –Wednesday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at St Francis De Sales Cafeteria, 1602 Madison Rd.
- Deadline for registering to vote is Oct 11
- Next Area Council Meeting is Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup>... at 6:30 pm