



WHAC Meeting Minutes April 14, 2016

Call to Order: Toni Miller, president

March Meeting Notes: Event dates amended (Clarence Taylor motion to approve, 2nd. by Beverly Clayton)

Membership: Jane Goepper – Current membership stands at 89.

Treasurer Report Sonya Young presented by Toni Miller (Jane Goepper motion to approve, La Donna Pope 2nd))

- WHAC Insurance coverage review of current coverage and purchase of directors insurance
- AIG Funding: 2015 Check was originally lost. Received and expenses documented. 2016 check already received

Safety Reports

- **Fire Department Report:** Tim Eckle
 - o 313 total runs (fire, EMS, accidents, alarms)
 - o Spring cleaning hints clean dryer lint filters/vents; remove oily rags; use extension cords temporarily
 - o Clarence Taylor reported hydrant out of order on Melrose and will need **attention**.
- **Police Department Report:** Officer Kandice Roper Issa
 - o Heroin trafficking reported on Hemlock & McMillan
 - o Suspicious activity at the garage on Boone Street.
 - o To obtain Office Roppa Issa's email call 513-569-8654 and leave your email address and she will respond.
 - o Elizabeth Marsh from, Schoolhouse Lofts building, reported drug dealing and needles in the park at Ashland and Victory Pkwy.
- **Safety Committee** - Katie Neltner
 - o Taft Bridge ODOT bridge inspector identified an issue with homeless living under the bridge and asked for help from the community in dealing with the issue
- **Citizens on Patrol** - Awards given to Cecil Evans and posthumously to Roy Green at the annual recognition dinner on April 9.

Education/Recreation

- **Frederick Douglass School**
 - o Robotic Program – demo by four Robotic Team participants. The students demonstrated how Lego vehicles created and programmed by the team could auto navigate a variety of obstacles and perform tasks. This was a preview with plans to enter area and national competitions.
 - o Gary Dangel created a school garden & greenhouse with the help of 800 hours by volunteers.
- **Bush Recreation Center:** Vanessa Henderson
 - o Early bird pool memberships are online until May 23rd. \$35/youth \$45 adult \$65/family. Pool opens June 6th.
 - o H3 basketball program (partnership with Hamilton County Sherriff, CPD, St. Xavier students, and UC Police) games will begin on Friday, April 22nd and last for 8 weeks.
 - o Summer Enrichment Program - packages are available.
 - o Cincinnati Recreation Commission has selected a new director, Danial Betts.

Planning & Development – Kevin Wright – Redevelopment Foundation

- Trevarren Flats- 25 of 30 Units Leased, Retail – 2 tenants committed
- Hauck Building – Bar & Grill tenant interest (craft beer, cocktail, (liquor license required) Model Group
- Comfort Station – liquor license being acquired to be ready for tenant

- Pursuit of funding for Gateway signage
- Reinvestment plan being finalized in next couple weeks
- Windsor school development being pursued
- A cupcake bakery will open soon in the old Kemper Lane Hotel
- May is Bike month
- Youth Ambassador Program - local young people to be employed in WH businesses/community gardens
- Green Man Park Ice Cream Truck will open will open June 1st.
- Twice as Nice – Going out of business in current location; The WHRF is negotiating a relocation package, lease extension to allow them to move
- Five Points Beer Garden events in discussion Cinco de Mayo party on May 5, 5 p.m.to 12:00pm
- Gomez Salsa. opening in the space Angst vacated on Gilbert
- Liquor licenses – discussion of what is currently available through the WHRF with current and future assignments.

WH Cincinnati Symphony Event Planning - Kathyne Gardette

- Pilot program for WH as part of the symphony neighborhood engagement initiative for the 2015/16 season, conversations on Thursday 4/21 6:30 – 8:30 at Miller/Gardette
- City Silence – Thursdays 8:30 Silence, Miller/Gardette

Website development – Gary Dangel

- Site mapping approved, Content being developed and coordinated by Gary Dangel and edited by Jane Goepper.

WH Historical Society – Sue Plummer

- Next meeting is Saturday April 16 at 1:30p.m. at the Stowe House. A representative from the First Baptist Church (the second oldest Black Baptist Church in Cincinnati) will discuss their historical documents
- WHHS meetups the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month at the Brew House

Environment & Beautification - Jeanna Smith – Gary Dangel

- Phase one of clean up completed today, UC students doing median, Crossroads, Calvin Washington contracted to maintain for the remainder of the year
- Another site cleanup -Victory Parkway at MLK needs attention going forward
- Request by Gary to notify when gardens need volunteers
- Discussion re: using local contractor to maintain medians

Health & Wellness – Jeff Brewster

- Update on Interact for health funding and programming
- WH 5K race series this fall– Melrose YMCA is committing to WH 5K training. A number of training walks are mapped. First race will be sponsored by Elevate Walnut Hills
- Findlay Farmstand is being relocated to Taft and Kemper with plans to include local vendors as well as health and wellness initiatives
- Cincinnati Games discussed as too difficult to join

Old/New Business

- **Talbert House Chapel Street Supportive Housing**
 - o The Talbert House representative acknowledged there were issues throughout the transition process. The facility is being cleared, pending final scheduled evictions. Most residents were moved to other supportive housing during the process. He expects the building to be empty by the end of May so that the renovation can begin.
- **Fiber Optic – Free public WIFI Options – Group Discussion**
 - o PowerNet verses Cincinnati Bell –
 - o Existing Fiber in neighborhood –could possibly be sold since it is not in use and costing WHAC/WHBG money annually
- **Green Umbrella Trails program presentation**