



area
council

2640 Kemper Lane
Cincinnati, Ohio
45206

Meeting- call to order: Sara Leah Miller, president

Membership: Toni Miler—membership renewals at first of year

Review and Approval of Meeting Notes from Nov. 10, 2016: prepared by (former) Secretary, David Payton. Motion to approve: Clarence, Second: Betty

Review and Approval of Treasurer Report: prepared by Treasurer, Sonya Young. Existing balance: \$9835.05 Motion to approve: Fred, Second: Betty

Safety

- **Fire:** no representatives
- **Police:**
 - Homicide on Kenton 1/12/16
 - Complaints on homeless camps—addressing issues with WHRF. Reach out to Homeless Coalition
 - Arrest in robberies at Verona/Park
 - Victim of shooting on NYE is recovering
 - Officer Roper-Issa and Sargent Neack will be in attendance at next Safety meeting. Kandice phone number 569-8654
- **Opioid Overdose response Training**—Teri Nau, Talbert House
 - Training is 40 minutes, 20 minutes on Heroin, 20 minutes on how to approach (Narcan, etc.)
 - Presenting to all Cincinnati neighborhoods—opportunity to partner with other neighborhoods. 30 participants per session. No dates set yet
- **Safety Committee Report**—George Smith, Katie Neltner, Aprina Johnson

Food Access/Health & Wellness

- Food Access Town Hall—Gary Dangel: Saturday January 21 at Bush Recreation enter from 10-12pm. Kroger closing _____, and Walnut Hills will then be a food desert. Town Hall will discuss solutions moving forward.
- Walnut Hills, GO! –Aprina Johnson: outlet to share how you shop/get your groceries.
 - 10 Interactive conversations happening before Feb. 27
 - Kroger events are on January 16 & 19, Noon and 6pm
- \$25,000 study commissioned by Kathleen Norris for Walnut Hills

- Kevin Wright:
 - Gary Dangel hired full time to address food desert issue
 - Land and land rights are owned by separate parties, further complicating the situation. WHRF working to secure new tenant who recognizes goals/direction of the neighborhood.
 - Kroger paying lease through end of 2017 so community can have time to find new tenant.

Community Planning and Development: Kevin Wright

- Focus this year on Peebles corner—looking for solutions
- Mortar teaching another class. Contact Aprina for more information
- 2 apartment buildings near Fireside are in progress
- REACH in southwest quadrant on Morgan. Three new homes available in upcoming weeks. Three rehabs on same street. Three additional new homes coming up
- Windsor School—now leasing 45 new units. Additional units coming soon in Phase 2
- Model Group—seeking support on two projects:
 - Scholar House on McMillan: affordable housing for single parents enrolled in four year college with children under age 5. Head start daycare built into the project. New construction site by Trevarren Flats, retail on first floor. Applying for financing using low income housing tax credits in March
 - Model Group purchased 134 distressed units as well as distressed building on Chapel and Monfort. Buildings need capital to revive into high quality affordable housing. Applying for tax credits on 40 of the units
 - Application due March 16
 - Motion to support: Clarence, Second: Janet

Community Updates

- Douglass School—Sheena/Principal Hall
 - After school clubs—facilitated by high school students (dance, art, vocals, step, garden)
 - March 25 (Saturday) 11-1pm at Frederick Douglass- community health fair with 10 partners. Health screening and advice, data collection to support Health Center.
 - Miami University partnership—Frederick Douglass will be training lab for future teachers
 - Born Learning Academy—partnership with United Way for families with children under 5 to add support to children to get them kindergarten-ready. 6 week program facilitated by Frederick Douglass teachers. Open to whole community.
- Bush Recreation Center—Vanessa Henderson
 - Thanks to those who helped with breakfast with Santa happened in December!
 - Youth programs: basketball (age 3, age 8 and under, age 12 and under)
 - Will be open Saturdays starting Feb. 4th
 - Partnership with UC students/ police department and youth
 - Memberships: \$2 for children under 5, \$10 for 18 and under, \$25 for adults, \$10 for senior

- Walnut Hills Library—Kate Kraus
 - Open on MLK Day
 - Feb. 16 @ 4pm: Martin’s Dream
 - Feb. 4 from 1-4pm: document conservation
 - Partnering with Children’s Hunger Alliance: free afternoon snack for children up to age 18 between 3-3:30 and 4-4:30
 - Upgrade to Overdrive and Libby—be sure to update your apps so you can access audio and ebooks!

Environment & Beautification—Jeanna Smith and Gary Dangel. Eight community gardens/orchards in Walnut Hills—reach out to Gary or Betty if you’re interested in helping. Stay tuned for summer cleanups!

WH Historical Society—Sue Plummer and Jena Bradley

- If you went to Frederick Douglass, reach out to Sue. Historical Society is working with group who is collecting history on CPS and African American schools
- Historical Society is seeking new members, especially a social media specialist. Contact Sue Plummer if interested!

New Business/Updates

- Cincinnati Art Museum—Cameron Kitchin: presentation—how to improve access to the Art Museum to be accessed directly from Walnut Hills (from Eden Park Dr.). Easement has been provided by the Park Board. Art Museum admission will still be free (with the exception of special galleries/exhibits). Parking is also free.
- Walnut Hills Little League—George Smith/Aprina Johnson: Bringing baseball league back to Walnut Hills! Seeking donations from businesses and partnering with Bush. Meeting at Bush on Jan 26 from 11:30-12:30pm
- Brendan Kohl from SORTA—electronic signs stating arrival times (coming soon), apps being made easier to use. Fares flat and no major routes cut. If SORTA wants to grow, need to build new options, and can’t do that with current funding. Idea: replace portion of earnings tax that funds Metro to county wide tax (like most metropolitan areas). Also need to figure out technology to keep up with changing demands of users.
- Real Men on Board: connecting men to resources to help prevent child mortality rate. Starts Feb. 7 (dinner and daycare and transportation provided plus free YMCA membership and free dental insurance). Looking for men to join. Contact Josh for more information!

Important Dates

- Walnut Hills GO! January 16 & 19, Noon and 6pm at Kroger
- Walnut Hills Historical Society On The Road, January 18th, 6:30-8pm, Frederick Douglass Elementary School, 2627 Park Ave.
- Food Access Town Hall, Jan. 21st 10am at the Bush Recreation Center
- Safety Meeting Jan. 26th, 6pm, Bush Recreation Center
- Walnut Hills Little League Meeting, Jan. 26th 11:30am – 12:30pm, Bush Recreation Center. Lunch will be served.
- Health and Wellness Fair: March 25 (Saturday) 11-1pm at Frederick Douglass