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council

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**April 12, 2018**

**Meeting** – Call to Order: Toni Miller, President

**Membership Invitation** - Robert Stradtman (c/o Jane Goepper)

**Review & Approval of Meeting Notes** – prepared by Wes Crout

- Motion To Accept (Sue Plummer); Second (Gary Dangel); All In Favor

**Review & Approval of Treasurer Report** – prepared by Katie Neltner

- Motion To Accept (Katy Dietz); Second (George Smith); All In Favor

**Safety**

- Cincinnati Fire Department Report (Not Present)
- Cincinnati Police Department Report – Officer Kandice Roper-Issa
  - Violent Crime Felony Drug Trafficking Arrest today (Keper St?)
  - Officers on Foot and Bike now with weather cooperating
  - Medication Disposal Day April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10am (Multiple Locations)
  - Working with property owners with known issues; and new landlords
  - Churchill & Mentor; many vacant properties; daycare still operational
  - Q: Walnut Hills Library disturbance; unless criminal, off-duty PO can't address;
  - Q: Noise Ordinance; City changed rules, now with Noise Meter
- Safety Committee – George Smith
  - Out Of The Shadows @ The Greenwich (April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6p): about helping people get off the streets who're having trouble with drugs and/or prostitution
  - Tiffany Michelle will have survey available to help identify issues
- Walnut Hills/Mt. Auburn McGregor/Reading/Iowa area – Tiffany Michelle from Police Partnering Center
  - April 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting: strategize ways to address crime and safety in this area
  - Shooting @ 2224 Reading: Director at agency tried to remediate
  - Next Steps (Meeting May 9<sup>th</sup>): use camera footage from CPD; sign neighborhood agreement with Walnut Hills/Mt. Auburn

**Community Updates**

- Neighborhood Schools
  - Frederick Douglass
    - Conversation w/Principal Hall April 19<sup>th</sup> 5-6p @ The Monastery Studio
    - Process of being selected for \$250k grant; collaboration with community; this will enhance what they are doing with Vision 20/20 program; Application to be submitted April 17<sup>th</sup>
      - Requests Letter Of Support for application to express collaboration;
        - All In Favor
    - Library Volunteer Days (Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9a-12p)
  - Spencer Center

- Finished ELA State Testing; Math begins April 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>; Science May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Fourth Grade History Club going very well;
- May 17<sup>th</sup> is Rock Your Strengths Block Party 4-7p; Passport for Location stops; Raffles; Yoga; Zumba; Tae Kwan Do; Walk Around The Block; Food
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders entering Design Contest
- Marian Spencer Dedication Day
- Mental Health Partner chosen (Children's Home for support services)
- May 8<sup>th</sup>: CPS reps from all public schools will perform @ Aronoff; daytime would be visual arts collage;
- Bush Recreation Center – Vanessa Henderson
  - Summer Day Camp; hiring for summer staff; website
  - Swimming Pools need Lifeguards (Call 352-POOL)
  - Basketball Tournaments (all kids get a pair of sneakers)
- Walnut Hills Library –Ms. Katie Greifenkamp, Regional Manager Public Library of Cincinnati
  - Dawn McMillan took position at Oakley library; Library Manager position Vacant;
  - Principal Hall offered to engage with library if Douglass students are causing trouble;
    - Vanessa H from CRC notes that some kids can't afford the after-school program; are scholarships available?
  - Library Levy On Ballot
    - Presence in 40 neighborhoods in Cincinnati; 500k cardholders; 80% of city
    - Circulation increased 60%, and only behind New York Public
    - Seven (7) branches are over 100-years-old, and have not been renovated
    - Walnut Hills @1906 and not yet handicapped-accessible
    - Funding cut by 26% since 2000, but usage and circulation is up
    - \$50mil in updates identified;
    - 1mill, 10-year Levy
- Little League – George Smith
  - Baseball Clinic; professional players for clinic and goodie bag; ~Late July
- Cincy Games – Tonya Dumas
  - Happens every two years; June 9<sup>th</sup> Qualifiers @ Ashland Park from 12-2; BrewHouse for Stein Holding; The Greenwich for Trivia; Neighborhood Bike Ride with Torch!

#### **Environment & Beautification - Fred Orth**

- Successful Cleanup @ Iowa, Green Man Park, and Kroger lot; next ~May 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **WH Historical Society - Jena Bradley/Sue Plumber**

- Last Meeting Canceled for Weather; next in May @ Queen City Kitchen
- Douglass-Spencer History Club; great pics on Facebook page
- Collab w/WHRF about African-American Business District;

#### **Health/Food Access – Gary Dangel**

- 10 Community Gardens (all need volunteers; count for Service Hours);
- LaDonna's garden on Beecher is oldest (25 years), and needs help
- Healthy Harvest Mobile Market will continue Fridays 1-3p
- WheelHouse will host themed rides on Wednesday evening of Bike Week;

#### **Planning and Development**

- Update on WHRF –Joe Sandmann & Jay Schifman (President of WHRF Board)
  - Betty Waite is Interim Exec Director; Job Description for job on website; call to have everyone share and publish; meet-up @ The Greenwich on April 24<sup>th</sup>
  - The Windsor Flats next phase tour April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 4-7p; est. open June 21<sup>st</sup>

- Paramount progress going quickly; ready for tenants in summer
- Comfort Station progress moving along; small bar open in fall
- Pickled Pig starting work on building;
- NBDIP – Cindy Fischer (WHBG & First Step Home)/Joe
  - Request Letter Of Approval for Federal and City grants for projects on McMillan (All In Favor)
    - Major: funds for streetscape (section in front of Scholar House)
    - Minor: continuation of Gateway Signage into Business District (ArtWorks)
- Crowdwise USA Today Grant – Gary
  - Got \$6k from First Financial, currently best-funded; grant for \$100k + \$25k
    - For Peebles Corner Grocery;
- Update on Lincoln Art project – Janet Creekmore
  - Shared stories collected; mainly Thatcher Family; started collab with Aprina
  - Will work with Garden Club at Douglass
- Affordable Housing/Stabilizing Housing Resources Task Force – Cabrini/Katy
  - Second meeting next Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:45p (Bush Rec Center)
  - Working with Legal Aid
- Planning & Development – Katy
  - Focusing on Old Kroger Space (biggest community meeting)
    - BrewHouse @ 630p Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup>

#### **Old/New Business:**

- Crown Presentation – Wade Johnston (Tri-State Trails/Green Umbrella)
  - More people walk, ride a bike, and take the bus
  - Road widenings should be unheard of; streets should be designed for pedestrians;
  - Everyone should be able to safely walk or bike anywhere they want to go
  - Crown is to create connected trails (104 miles total);
  - Trails improve public health, economic development, environmental sustainability;
  - Wasson Way is connecting Xavier to Ault Park; corridor in Evanston
  - WHRF called for Street Calming/Complete Streets;
  - Ride from Xavier to UC during Bike Month (maybe 20<sup>th</sup>?)
  - Request Letter Of Support (All In Favor)
- Alert HC 911 – Chris Monzel
  - Hamilton County Emergency Management
  - New Program to get alerts (42 different ones) to your phone ([www.alerthc.org](http://www.alerthc.org))
    - ex. chemical spill
    - Can build profile for First Responders
      - How many pets; this is nationwide will traveling

#### **Important Dates**

- Walnut Hills Historical Society April 18th at 6:30 pm at Queen City Kitchen 2631 Gilbert
- Safety Meeting April 26 at Bush Center 6:00 pm
- WHAC Development meeting April 18<sup>th</sup>