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### WHAC January 11, 2018

**Meeting:** Call to order by Toni Miller, president

**Membership invitation:** Robert Stradtman

**Review and approval of meeting notes from Nov. 2017:** prepared by Katie Neltner. Motion: Jane Goepper, Second: \_\_\_\_

**Review and approval of treasurer report:** prepared by Sonya Young

**Safety:**

- Cincinnati Police Dept: Officer Kandice Roper Issa:
  - shots fired by NNI—arrest made.
  - Do not leave car running unattended—10 stolen vehicles in the city this year.
  - Robberies—attempted Melrose and Gilbert—Kandice passed out robbery tips to local businesses (walk with friend/family member, have a plan, be suspicious, be aware and off cell phone). Pink reports on cars this month to deter theft from vehicles.
  - New supervisor Sgt Sean George
- Safety Committee: George Smith-- meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6pm at Bush

**Community Updates**

- **Neighborhood Schools**
  - **Douglass:** bingo night last night, back to school Jan. 2 with 15 new students! Enrollment is up to 353 (from 300 last year). Partnerships with WH High School and Miami. Taking students to Dayton for contemporary dance performance and to Miami for art show. Professional guitar player giving lessons. Come visit any time!!! LSDMC meeting next week
  - **Spencer:** partnership doing well
- **Bush Rec Center:** Vanessa Henderson—thanks for volunteers for bfast with Santa (250 volunteers), 2018 membership cards \$10 for 50+, 25-49 \$25, 18-24, volunteers needed for basketball coaches for younger ages, senior programs, bingo Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have input for 2018 master plan, reach out to rec center!
- **Walnut Hills Library:** Historical society and WHRF supported history grant for day at library. Photos still on display—come see them! Free homework help M-Thurs at 3pm. Free snack 2:15-3pm open for kids up to 18 years old. Douglass partnership—working to get Douglass library back in order beginning every other Friday beginning Friday Jan. 26 from 9am-12pm

**Environment and Beautification—Fred Orth**

**WH Historical Society—Sue Plummer**

- WHRF placemaking project near King of Clubs building—researching black owned businesses. If you remember businesses that were part of this district, please reach out to Sue Plummer (or drop comments in the boxes at Bush and Library). Saturday at 12:15 at Parkside—please come and share stories.
- Next week is monthly meeting on third Wednesdays of the month at Greenwich 6:30-8pm (free food!) with background of local music history.
- Oral History—learn how to do this
- Geoff posting history installments (first one was about the Alms)—look out for these!
- Joint club between two schools to learn about local history
- Website coming soon! Please reach out to any member of Historical Society to get involved/volunteer

**NSP**—Beverly Clayton—city gives \$6800 to support local events. Beverly has submitted proposal, and future presentation to group of neighborhoods for funds to be approved

**Planning and Development**-- Kevin Wright and Kati Dietz.

- Jennae Bradley is new board president
- Paramount Building: construction started
- Thrive small business grant to provide incentives to open business in WH. Tools also available to connect owners to financing
- Scholar House—grant approved
- Alms—judge/others will decide who the building is sold to. Fear that it will be sold to highest bidder (to out of town buyer). Look out for media statements in support of residents.
- Enterprise Move to Taft/Reading near White Castle
- National Trust Grant
- Café Vivace- Liquor License (entertainment District)-- owners Brent and Vanessa: coffee shop during the day and Jazz lounge at night. Hope to bring education piece in—partner with schools, talks, etc. Opening mid March. Vote on liquor license for Café Vivace. Motion \_\_\_\_, Second: Dee
- Pedestrian Safety Improvements
- Lincoln and Gilbert: WHRF looking at grants to save historic buildings in black owned business district. Looking for volunteers to join working group
- Landlord issues—please bring them forward to WHRF

**Old/New**

- Esoteric Brewing: community ownership available soon
- Zoning change request corner of Victory/Cypress- Vision Realty Group- Matt Olliges. Partnered with Valley (on Fowler) and they're co owners of Alpha and Omega (with Smitherman family). Proposing 14 unit apartment development. Part of Voluntary Tax Abatement Program (75% goes to schools, 15% into fund—7.5% to WH and 7.5% into city affordable housing trust fund). Need variance for setbacks and one for zoning change to retail on the first floor and residential on others.
- Zoning change request- Tower on corner of McMillan/Gilbert- Paul Mueller
- Talbert House- Oak St.
- Miller Gardette: showings around Cincinnati for “I am not your negro”
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**Important Dates**

- Safety Meeting January 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm Bush Rec Center
- Neighborhood Summit March 10<sup>th</sup> 8-4pm Cintas Center
- Tax Trouble: What to do if you owe \$\$ to IRS- Feb. 23- see flyer