



area
council

WHAC February 8, 2018

Meeting—Call to order: Toni Miller, president

Membership Invitation: Robert Stradtman

- Instagram: WeAreWalnutHills
- Twitter: @Wearewalnuthills

Review and approval of meeting notes from January: prepared by Katie Neltner. Motion to approve: Jane Goepper, Second: Dee Green

Review and Approval of Treasurer Report: Prepared by Toni Miller. Motion to approve: ___ Second: Robert Stradtman

- Frankie Young has resigned as Treasurer
- Wes Crout will be appointed as new board member to replace the open position
- Geoff Sutton will also be added to the board representing the Historical Society which is a standing committee

Safety:

- Cincinnati Fire Department Report: Engine calls are being dis
- Monthly tip: Heat oil slowly, aim pot handles away from traffic, do not leave cooking unattended
- Accepting Fire Department applications!
- Sign up for smoke detectors installed for free in your home. Call 357.7585 Option #4
- Cincinnati Police Department Report—Officer Kandice Roper-Issa
- Two arrests for theft and 1 burglary. Giminettis, UDF, Wendy's—can give crime tips at these locations
- Pink report cards going around when there is an increase in theft to auto
- Active shooter training—one in January, next one in April. 800 Evans (Police Academy), maximum of 60 participants/training. NOT for the light-hearted
- Safety Committee: George Smith and Toni Miller—next Safety meeting 2/23 at 6pm at Bush.
- Iowa/McGregor/Reading update: citizens from this part of the neighborhood have been complaining for several years. Mt. Auburn citizens have also had issues. Police Partnering Center working with WHAC and Mt. Auburn to meet with directors of the non-profits in this region.
- Kroger parking lot update: WHRF owns Kroger lot, and Kroger just stopped paying rent. WHRF will fence off portions of lot to deal with safety and trash—will be used as parking for construction in area.

Community Updates

- Neighborhood Schools
- Frederick Douglass—Principal Jeff Hall: started with 243 students- now 359 students! Stop in to see what the students are doing—Valentine's Day is Frederick Douglass's birthday. Come stop by for festivities. Always need volunteers and welcome to suggestions. Seeking library volunteers.
- Spencer—planning spring block party with Spencer and Douglass. Spencer planning dedication day (Marion Spencer will be speaking).
- Bush Recreation Center—Vanessa Henderson: Bring ideas to Vanessa for new programs!

- Walnut Hills Library—Dawn: Working with Douglass to get their library back up. Show up on volunteer days. Partnership with Cincy Stories—helping youth craft their own stories. Kennedy Arts Center on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 1:00—artist who is doing Obama’s official portrait. Tuesday Feb. 27 4pm- Maya Angelou presentation
- Harriet Beecher Stowe House: will open back up in March
- Stowe House and Friends monthly discussion on first Wednesday at 7:00
- Semi Colon Club 2/24 1-3

Environment and Beautification- Fred Orth:

- Multiple Great American Cleanups will be scheduled to help beautify our neighborhood
- Check facebook page for upcoming cleanup details and heart-bombing (Samuel Hannaford building on Chapel). WHAC to sponsor via floor board (\$15). All in favor.
- Abundance box at Miller Gardette on Feb. 17 from 1-4pm

WH Historical Society—Sue Plummer

- Geoff and Jo Ann have been creating a link/day to post about Frederick Douglass and WH history. www.walnuthillstories.org
- School partnership with Frederick Douglass and Spencer to talk about WH History and create History Club—May 17 will be block party/kick-off event where students will give tours of 5 sites
- On the Road meeting—every third Wednesday 6:30-8 at African American Chamber of Commerce.
- Contact Historical Society if you have any memories/photos/etc. about Black Business District

Health/Food access—Gary Dangel: Contact WHRF with ideas about how to design yellow truck.

NSP— NSP has been approved

Planning and Development—Kevin Wright/Katy Dietz: Kroger—WHRF owns building, and WHAC creating committee to help tackle food desert issue. Bring creative ideas to Katy/WHRF

- Affordable Housing Discussion Group—Cabrini: Invitation to join WHAC and WHRF in this discussion. How to help current residents (especially senior owner occupants). Invest in Neighborhoods: helping with Affordable Housing Discussion

Old/New Business:

- City of Cincinnati Citizen Complaint Authority Presentation—Kim Neal: contact CCA if you have a complaint against a Cincinnati Police Officer. 513.352.1600
- Zoning Change for Senior Campus proposal—Model Group—David Thompson and Katie R: seeking letter of support from WHAC. Motion to provide a letter of support: Geoff, Second: Jane Goepper
- Cincinnati Neighborhood Games—Tonya Dumas (Walnut Hills Captain): See list of events on We Are Walnut Hills event calendar. June 9 is the finals, June 21 is final day. Will need 6 volunteers
- Verizon cellular towers—Margot: seeking letter of support or no objection. Money from Verizon will be like an endowment for the building. Motion: Robert Stradtman, Second: Kathryn Gardette
- Vision Real Estate Group- Cypress Apartment Building—Matt: seeking setback variances and conditional use to build residential. Motion: Jane Goepper, Second: Geoff, 3 abstain, 2 nay

Important Dates

- Historical Society Meeting 2/21 African American Chamber of Commerce 6-7pm
- Safety Meeting 2/22 6pm at Bush
- Neighborhood Summit March 10th 8-4 Cintas Center