



area
council

2640 Kemper Lane
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

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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 28th @ 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 25th 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 3rd Meeting: strategize ways to address crime and safety in this area
 - Shooting @ 2224 Reading: Director at agency tried to remediate
 - Next Steps (Meeting May 9th): use camera footage from CPD; sign neighborhood agreement with Walnut Hills/Mt. Auburn

Community Updates

- Neighborhood Schools
 - Frederick Douglass
 - Conversation w/Principal Hall April 19th 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 17th
 - Requests Letter Of Support for application to express collaboration;
 - All In Favor
 - Library Volunteer Days (Friday, April 13th from 9a-12p)
 - Spencer Center

- Finished ELA State Testing; Math begins April 24th/25th; Science May 1st
- Fourth Grade History Club going very well;
- May 17th is Rock Your Strengths Block Party 4-7p; Passport for Location stops; Raffles; Yoga; Zumba; Tae Kwan Do; Walk Around The Block; Food
- 7th & 8th Graders entering Design Contest
- Marian Spencer Dedication Day
- Mental Health Partner chosen (Children's Home for support services)
- May 8th: 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 Tourneys (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 9th 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 19th

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 24th
 - The Windsor Flats next phase tour April 26th @ 4-7p; est. open June 21st

- 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 19th @ 5:45p (Bush Rec Center)
 - Working with Legal Aid
- Planning & Development – Katy
 - Focusing on Old Kroger Space (biggest community meeting)
 - BrewHouse @ 630p Wednesday April 18th

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 20th?)
 - 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)
 - 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 18th