



area
council

2640 Kemper Lane
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

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May 10, 2018

Meeting – Call to order: Toni Miller, President

- WHAC Meeting start time changed to 6:00pm from June through August 2018

Membership Invitation - Robert Stradtman

- Request for residents to join WHAC membership;

Review & Approval of Meeting Notes -prepared by Wes Crout

- Motion to Accept (Geoff); Second (Herbert); ALL IN FAVOR

Review & Approval of Treasurer Report – prepared by Katie Neltner

- Motion to Approve (Dee); Second (Robert Stradtman); ALL IN FAVOR

Safety

- Cincinnati Fire Department Report
 - Bob Baine (Engine 23); works 3 units including Evanston; Federal Govt grant money for dept training (Sensitivity Training; Officers Training; Driver's Training)
 - New recruit class started; graduation Oct 28th (40 more firefighters)
 - Mother's Day Grillouts: use right equipment; no lighter fluid/gasoline; no burn barrels;
 - Smoke Detector Reminder: sign-up sheet for people needing them (they will arrange to furnish and install for single-family homes; renters are supposed to be supplied by landlord – FD will address with landlord)
- Cincinnati Police Department Report – Officer Kandice Roper-Issa
 - Good report; weather can affect things, no reports of violence recently; identifying hot-spots of general activity to be visible in; bike officers have been moved from D4 to D3 (uptick of activity there); issues around Iowa St (more to come); Eden Park Duck Ponds are difficult to address (Cptn. Mack has approved overtime for patrols there);
- Safety Committee – George Smith
 - Some reverends in the neighborhood have asked about hosting “gun turn-in events”
- Walnut Hills/MT. Auburn meeting McGregor/Reading/Iowa area – TiffanyMichelle from Police Partnering Center (**NOT In Attendance**)
 - SW Quadrant issues extending into Mt. Auburn; concentration of agencies there; been meeting regularly with the agencies (following SARA Model) – agency reps and committee will walk the area and come to agreement about what each are willing to commit to; the Exit Program is leaving the neighborhood;

Community Updates

- CBR's (community budget requests every 2 years)–Suggestions (**Due** September 28th)
 - We may submit three (3) for budget year
 - Left turn lane on Gilbert & Taft (Both Directions)
 - Crosswalk on McMillan by Green Man Park
 - Call For “RFPs”
- NSP - insurance aggregate joined
 - IIN has covered insurance for all Area/Neighborhood Councils; City has covered the cost;
- McDonalds Grand Re-Opening and Donation
 - Donation to Douglass for \$1000 for after-school programs;
 - Future fundraisers planned; Students created the ribbon for cutting and a collage;

- Neighborhood Schools
 - Frederick Douglass (Sheena Dunn)
 - Love letters to all teachers and staff and coupon/lunch from Fireside and Just Q'In
 - 17th 4-7p the Street Party – debut history tour
 - Hosting summer school for Douglass and Evanston Academy (2nd and 3rd grade only)
 - No sibling classrooms for non-invited students
 - Spencer (Karen/Kathryne)
 - Innovation Night (G 3-8 “How Might We?” questions)
 - i.e. make our backpack lighter?; change gun-control conversation?
 - Wednesday 16th from 6-8 and Saturday 19th; strategic planning sessions
 - CPS/Walnut Hills bi-monthly collaboration meetings
 - Discusses inequity between Douglass & Spencer, but has grown into much more; collab 4th-grade history club;
 - Businesses have been supportive; please support neighborhood businesses
- Bush Recreation Center – Vanessa Henderson
 - Summer Day Camp starts May 31st
 - Takes Ohio family/work vouchers; field trips; CPS provides lunch and breakfast;
 - Club CRC is \$10/10 weeks
 - Aquatics (May 29th Pool Opens)
 - Swim Lessons T/R
 - Still needing lifeguards
 - May 16th for 50+ @ Fountain Square (Games, Arts/Crafts); register at AARP.org
- Walnut Hills Library (**Not Present**)
- Little League – George Smith
 - Contacted Cincinnati Reds Academy; won't get response until after All-Star Break;
- Cincy Games – Tonya Dumas
 - Bush RC June 9th 10a-1p for Qualifiers;
 - Finals On July 28th
 - Henry Frondorf allowing us to design our own flag

Environment & Beautification - Fred Orth

- Sunday afternoon @ 3p pulling weeds at Green Man Park
- May 18th the UC Serves event; June 2nd next Leonard clean-up;

WH Historical Society - Jena Bradley/Sue Plumber

- History Club with Douglass/Spencer (check out Facebook page)
- Mural created by students (w/Janet Creekmore); event soon to be planned to showcase
- May 16th 6:30p @ The Monastery (Monthly meeting – Women Who Rock theme)
- April 26th got to do segment on Cincinnati Edition (91.7FM)
 - Nadir Rasheed interview (relative of Thatcher family)

Health/Food Access – Gary Dangel

- Douglass garden doing seed-starting inside the school; planting this Friday (frost-free day)
 - Chef Chaney decided to buy charcoal grill and will cook for students with their food;
- Lloyd Library: garden-to-table 3month series; June 17th 1-3p (free); 3-mile walking tour
- Gardens in neighborhood trying to help with food access; most have options for plots;
 - 66 raised beds in Concord Garden
- WHRF StepVan looking for ideas for use (any creative placemaking)
- WHRF CrowdRise national competition; currently ~\$15k for Peebles Corner Grocery Store
- Cookout Kenton & Burbank on Tuesday, May 15th (630-9p)
- WheelHouse Cincy Pop-Up Bike Repair (Saturday, May 12th 1-4p)
- WheelHouse Cincy Slow Rides on final Wednesday evenings (start at Green Man Park)

Planning and Development

- Update on WHRF –Betty Waite/Joe Sandmann
 - Calls for help finding a new Executive Director
 - Paramount coming along well; 15 apartments on top; Esoteric and 3 other shops;
 - Applied for Neighborhood Bus. District Improvement (Streetscaping in front of Millhaus)
 - Comfort Station thru Phase 1; bar to open by end of year;
 - Reigning Royalty (Chapter Of FedColored Women’s Club) party at The Eddy May 11th
 - Aprina looking for youth; currently 19 kids signed up; open to ideas for youth as well;
 - Aprina calls for help with kickoff event for Black Business District (June-ish)
- Planning & Development – Katy
 - Focus on getting community voice for mini-grocery; mtg @ BrewHouse 6p Tues May 15th
 - Cabrini – calls for participants in Housing Resource Task Force Thurs @ 5:45p May 18th
 - Stephanie Mose (Sr. Attorney with Legal Aid housing)
 - Focus on neighborhood stability;
- Martin Drive/Eden Park Dr. Stop signs – Fred Orth
 - Presented Jack Martin’s design;
 - Request for Letter Of Support; Motion (Robert); Second (British Guy); ALL IN FAVOR
- People Working Cooperatively -Jacqueline Carr
 - Non-Profit in Bond Hill provides free services; focus on safety and health
 - Weatherization Programs (energy conservation Hamilton County)
 - Checks gas appliances; install smoke alarm and CO if needed;
 - Homeowners get wider variety of programs (repairs, not cosmetic);
- Wasson Way – Jay Andress (**NOT PRESENT**)
- Cypress Development – Matt Olliges
 - Presenting 1200 Cypress development change; received original variances; original plan too dense and parking requirements; changes to 4-townhome units instead of 14-apartments; requests variances again (SetBack & Zoning Change from OG); high \$400k
 - Request For Letter Of Approval; Motion (Travis); Second (Betty); 9 In Favor; 7 Opposed; 5 Abstained MOTION PASSES;
 - Request From Mona to get these ahead of time; Second from Sue;
 - Discussion with the City about this process;

Old/New Business:

- Juneteenth Festival on website June 16th
- Florence (Regional Council Of Govts); May 17th @ 5p ODOT public mtg; 720 E Pete Rose Way
- Black Owned Comic Book Store to Walnut Hills
 - GoFundMe (No Info Provided)

Important Dates

- WHAC Development meeting - May 15th 6:00 Brew House
- Walnut Hills Historical Society May 16th. 6:30 at Monastery Studio on Taft/Stanton
- Douglas/Spencer Block Part May 17th. Park Ave between Douglas and Spencer
- Safety Meeting May 24 6:00 at Bush Recreation Center
- WHAC June 14th. 6:00 pm Bush Recreation Center
- June 2nd Family Fun Day @ Church Of Advent