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council

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October 11, 2018

Meeting – Call to order: Toni Miller, President @ 18:31

Membership Invitation – Robert Stradtman (c/o Toni)

Review & Approval of Meeting Notes – prepared by Wes Crout: Motion To Approve Fred, ALL IN FAVOR

Review & Approval of Treasurer Report – prepared by Katie Neltner: Motion To Approve Katy, ALL IN FAVOR

Safety @ 18:34

- Cincinnati Fire Department Report (N/A)
- Cincinnati Police Department Report – Officer Kandice Roper-Issa
 - Crime State: WH looking good for reportable crime; arrest of Devonte Devon, sentenced to 17y; Assisting with Johnny's Market, though not necessarily crime in the store; Medication Disposal Day on Oct 27th; Active Shooter/Hostile Situation Preparedness Event – call to register, but note this is intense training; Question about responsibility of businesses and their outside activity, Officer R-I looks at store to see if opportunity to reduce; Question about process for reporting drug activity, Officer R-I states to email or call her with information (she will pass onto undercover unit); Question about number of officers, Officer R-I states they will be under 1000 citywide by EOY and Police Academy takes 6 months;
- Safety Committee – George Smith
 - Not much to report, but asking for help on committee and a Vice Chair;
- WHMA (McGregor/Reading/Iowa Issues) – TiffanyMichelle from Police Partnering Center
 - Good Neighbor Day on 10.13 from 12-3p: raffles, etc., and services will talk about what they do in WH; follow-up community meeting to discuss ways to increase safety (Oct 25th @ 6p – Anna-Louise Inn/Union Bethel; Heroin ODs are big issue right now, so Brightview will be doing Narcan training and giving away kits;

Community Updates

- Neighborhood Schools
 - Douglass
 - Highlights from recent CPS-WH Collab Meeting about libraries and working subgroups;
 - Spencer
 - Magnet Lottery opens the second week of November; Fall Festival Oct 26th from 6-8p on Chapel St lot; Oct 21st, a Pet Adoption Day
- Bush Recreation Center – Vanessa Henderson
 - Call For Membership! January will start Saturday hours (9a-1p); Pickleball tourney @ Mt. Washington (Oct 19th-21st), small fee; Volleyball class/tourney (Nov 10th), price per team; asked for feedback, which is very important (go to Cincy-Rec.org); Trunk Or Treat on Oct 31st from 6-8p, so take a bowl and decorate your car; if you can't attend, donate candy!
- Walnut Hills Library (N/A)
 - Branch reopened, but meeting room still closed;
- The Alms Resident Council – Kimetta Carter (N/A)
- Faith Alliance – Reverend Charles Graves
 - Blessing of animals for Advent; started 25-minute candlelit meditation; Geoff Sutton spoke about getting an operative library into Douglass – calling for donations, but not used books;
- Cincinnati Art Museum – Carrie Atkins-Maras (N/A)
- UC Health Research Study – Molly Linkous (N/A)

NSP – Vote on proposed NSP Budget for 2018-2019 @ 19:07

Beautification \$3000, Safety \$420, Youth \$1200, Membership \$975, Civic Engagement \$500 Total \$6095

- Trying to sell fiber network (interested company backed out last minute); Toni discussed last year's expenditures; City still paying for D&O and General Liability insurance, which helps;

- VOTES: YES – 47, NO – 1

Environment & Beautification – Fred Orth (No Report)

WH Historical Society – Jena Bradley

- Historic preservation presentation – Xavier students (Leo and Ben)
 - Two Designated Districts (Lincoln-Melrose & Upland): unique boundaries, and districts are important to neighborhood and outside interests; if property is in these districts, you must have certificate to make changes or minor repairs; Question about opting-out of historic designation if affordability to maintain is difficult – noted an exemption for Low Income or Economic Difficulty;

Health/Food Access – Gary Dangel

- Reminder about \$100k grant from Aetna for mini-grocery, and researching models for Kroger building; reach out to Gary with favored mini-groceries; #WalnutWheels has been serving smoothies, and tomorrow from 1-3p will serve veggie soup at old Kroger lot; will be at Trunk Or Treat;

Planning & Development @ 19:27

- Stormwater (Eric Saylor)
 - Greater Cincinnati Waterworks; explained recent rate increase; gave history of stormwater utility, created in 1985; discussion about Mill Creek flooding, Army Corps of Engineers, and history of the 1937 flood; rate increase helps reduce infrastructure and maintain barrier dam, and if this fails we likely lose FEMA certification;
- Update From Planning & Housing Committees – Katy Dietz/Cabrini @ 19:40
 - 1 week from today, meeting at Bush @ 6p – guest will services to discuss homeless options
 - Working with Peaslee on how to implement the Equitable Development Scorecard;
- Update On IDC82
 - Walnut Hills is only neighborhood included, Avondale not in;
- Update From WHRF –Emily Sheckels-Ahouse @ 19:45
 - Lincoln & Gilbert Development – Presentation by Lassere from Pennrose
 - Handouts get to the crux of the site; Pennrose focuses on urban neighborhoods, operates in 14 states; partners with non-profits, and all developments have some social component and supportive services;
 - WHRF awarded the Ohio CDC Of The Year; currently trying to hire a Director Of Real Estate & Development; Leonard being given “You Are Awesome” award; looking at IDC;

Nominations – Announce Nominations for 2019 @ 19:58

- We read email from Kathryn; Toni calls for volunteers to send email to her;

Planning and Development (Part Deux) @ 20:00

- Extension of Walnut Hills Business District – Kathleen Colley from the City Of Cincy
 - Having Lincoln-Gilbert would give help to WHRF and Port stabilize buildings; next step is for City Council to vote on boundaries;
- Explanation of Form-Based Code Zoning – Kathleen Colley @ 20:02
 - May Square Development meeting with Zoning next month to decide if TN4>TN5 is correct ask;
- May Square Development Update – Samir Kulkarni @ 20:03
 - No Vote request today; updates not posted to website as expected yet, so will push the vote until next month for everyone to first view updates; ask is solely around Phase I, and not asking for entire site to be re-zoned; simplify the “Ask”, from T4-T5, allowing for mixed-use and retail first floor; keeps church to reactivate as community space; 12 units will be workforce housing; re-zoning will include a height change (4-stories); after city approval will start resident design sessions, and go after funding sources (NOFA and NMTC), finally asking for community support for funding; Samir noted Phase II won’t happen until community conversations happen; re: displacement, Samir stated trying to relocate into WH; Mark McEwan states TN4 change not necessarily needed (but need to confirm); WH doesn’t need an extension of retail district; concerns about parking, and what-ifs w/o Zone Change; Samir might sell, try another version, etc.

New Business: N/A

ADJOURNED @ 20:35

Important Dates

- Good Neighbor Day Saturday, 10.13.2018 from 12-3p in United Way North Lot on Reading Rd
- Historical Society Meeting Wednesday, 10.17.2018 at 6:30p in Spencer School
- Safety Meeting Thursday, 10.25.2018 6p in Bush Recreation Center
- WHAC Meeting Thursday, 11.08.2018 at 6:30p in Bush Recreation Center