



area
council

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September 13, 2018

Meeting – Call To Order @ 630p: Toni Miller, President

Membership Invitation – Robert Stradtment @ 631p

Review & Approval Of Meeting Notes – prep by Katie Neltner: Motion Robert, Second Betty **APPROVED**

Review & Approval Of Treasurer Rpt – prep by Katie Neltner: Motion George, Second Fred **APPROVED**

NSP (Toni): Amendments sent in August, approved Today; Final Vote @ October Meeting

Safety

- Cincinnati Fire Department Report – Not In Attendance
- Cincinnati Police Department Report – Officer Roper-Issa
 - Reportable Crime down; complaints about Lincoln & Gilbert – VICE has been out, but prostitution and drug offenses are not *reportable* crimes; Geoff asked about suspect killed on Victory (Talbert House), and is there training for officers to deal with mental illness? Officer R-I stated they receive this at the Police Academy, and some officers might specialize and be called to scene; Baba Charles asked about Special Investigators (*there are two, Gleckler/Bender), and is that enough for this area/district? Officer R-I stated the turnaround time depends on type of request (misdemeanor v robbery/etc.)
- Safety Committee – George Smith
 - George has been going down to Melrose and May streets nightly; no one really on May, but Melrose is active with prostitution near YMCA
 - WHMA – TiffanyMichelle from Police Partnering Center
 - Good Neighbor Day – Oct 13th from 12-3p @ United Way N Lot (2400 Reading)
 - Transportation available
 - Safety Meetings last Thursday of each month;

Community Updates

- Neighborhood Schools
 - Douglass (Kathryn-LSDMC)
 - Library was decision for funding; needs volunteers and donations
 - Call Sheena Dunn to volunteer (or call Douglass @ 513.363.1900)
 - Spencer (Karen-LSDMC)
 - Added Grade 9 and increased total enrollment from 200-300 students
 - Trying to change mix to static 50:50 between Gifted and Exceptional
 - WH Education Committee – neighborhood folks, the school principals, and CPS admin
- Bush Recreation Center – Vanessa Henderson
 - Fall hours started Sep 4th (10a-9p); Senior Programs here M,T,W,R – calls for men to play Bid Whist; displaying scarecrows throughout city, thru Oct 14th (contact Jill); engaging with Lincoln-Crawford to show seniors we are still thinking about and appreciate them; Trunk-Or-Treat on Oct 31st from 6-8p; St. Ursula starting tutoring program; strong call from Vanessa to purchase or renew membership!
- Library – Kendall
 - New Librarian, moved here from Brooklyn one month ago; library hoping to reopen first or second week of Oct (mold remediation); major renovations planned for 2019, with public outreach coming for design plans

- The Alms Resident Council – Kimetta Carter
 - Related Affordable starting renovations Oct 23rd, with ballroom becoming a workout room and computer center; motion to end receivership; Ms. Redmond will be staying on to manage building, and will get an assistant
- Faith Alliance – Rev. Stacy
 - Main goal is kids and the Douglass Library; new parapro @ Douglass with library experience; See It, Believe It, Achieve It (Tutoring Program) looking for volunteers Thursdays @ 2:15p – kickoff Sep 20th
- Cincinnati Art Museum – Carrie Atkins-Maras
 - New Exhibition (Calligraphy from Spain, Syria, Turkey) FREE, now through Jan 27th
 - Preschooler Storytime & Artmaking (Weds 1130-12)
 - Art Show For Teens (showing 100 10x10 digital submissions); needing teen volunteers to serve as curators and narrow submissions, application due Oct 19th
- UC Health – Dan Maxwell
 - Family Health Day Oct 14th – free health screenings @ 13 locations;

Environment & Beautification – Fred Orth

- Grant for \$5k from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful for water fountain @ Green Man Park
- Denise Guiducci getting planters from downtown to place on McMillan

Walnut Hills Historical Society – Jena Bradley/Sue Plummer

- Eden Park Waterworks posts by Geoff are amazing; meeting Sep 19th from 630-8p @ Dillard Building, featuring first African-American woman at UC med program; Oct 17th meeting @ Spencer; event on Sep 29th @ Caffé Vivace 2-330p (building community through jazz – sister city Nancy, France and how jazz supports development); Sue approved for another AmeriCorps year

Health/Food Access – Gary Dangel

- Peebles Corner Mini-Grocery: \$2.5m requested, \$250k raised; looking to build a team for food access (food rescue, local gardens providing consumables); Healthy Harvest every Friday 1-3p; #WalnutWheels creative placemaking – app to use/ideas on website (food, music, art, etc.); pears at foraging orchard @ 2706 May St ready; Beecher/Stanton Garden needs someone to take over; Rev. Stacy will reach out to Loa about trash at her garden

Planning & Development @ 7:26p

- Planning & Housing Committees – Katy Dietz & Cabrini
 - Housing Resources meeting Sep 20th @ Bush 6p; Voter Reg forms available!
- WHRF – Emily Sheckels Ahouse
 - First few months is listening – she wants to hear your vision and your thoughts about RF's role; planning informal Open House events;
 - Walnut Hills Street Food Festival **CANCELED**; now clean-up at Green Man Park
- Interim Development Control (IDC) – Bob Birch/Stacy Hoffman
 - RFPs for Land Use Study (already received five proposals;
 - IDC would STOP for Review as New Step in building permit process; this will stop new development without vision being understood by area, but is not moratorium...just adds controls; City Manager might *shrink* the proposed area; purpose is that Change Of Use would be slowed for review, not Residential>Residential;
 - Motion Wes, Second Betty: **ALL IN FAVOR** (Toni to send Letter of Support for IDC)

New Business @ 7:52p

- The Manse Senior Housing – Katie Rademacher (Model Group)
 - Update – since Feb received \$9m in Low Income Housing Tax Credits (project \$12m);
 - 60% Affordable (40/50/60% AMI Units) – 47 1BR/13 Eff
 - The Manse Hotel will not be torn down: request for 1004/926 Chapel to be listed as Local Landmarks, enabling apps for historic credits; all buildinds will be ADA with elevators; Motion Rev Stacy, Second Kimetta – **ALL IN FAVOR**

- May Square Development (8:04p) – Samir Kulkarni
 - Residents Meeting on Tuesday, presentations handed out then;
 - Samir bought whole block and church; original thoughts were ~250 units, but didn't feel right, so scaled down to 170 units;
 - Spoke to WHRF seven months ago; speaking only on Phase I tonight (2521 May St. – church and empty parking lot; proposal asking for Zoning Change (TN4>TN5), and this is 1st Step of many; this will require city funding and new market tax credits, and will continue to come to WHAC for more support requests; Phase I would be 40-unit multi-family with 7000sf of commercial; idea is that church would be [preliminarily] accessible for entire community; target is middle-income housing, and 20-30% Workforce Housing; 2rd and 4th Steps are community engagement, 5th Step is groundbreaking; parcel partially TN5 already – asking to extend that; surface parking only, but Phase II would have a garage (Phase I would be 40-60 spots);
 - Mark Leeman (May St. property owner) Motions To POSTPONE Vote
 - Zone Change allows for process and to ask for NoFa funding; comments about urgency for NoFa funding window;
 - Mark Leeman Motions again to POSTPONE Vote, Motion Recognized, Second Motion
 - 1 Opposed, 6 Abstentions, **MOTION TO POSTPONE VOTE APPROVED @ 8:37p**
 - What do we want from Samir?
 - Equitable Development Scorecard
 - Kelly Ashton-Hand: How much of this can happen without a Zoning Change?
 - Samir: None (doesn't make sense financially to him)

ADJOURNED @ 8:52p

Important Dates

- Historical Society Meeting on 9-19-2018 at 6:30 in the Dillard Bldg. 791 E. McMillan
- Housing Meeting on 9-20-2018 at 6:00 at Bush Rec. Center
- Safety Meeting on 9-27-2018 at 6:00pm in The BrewHouse
- WHAC and EWHA Candidates Night on 10-3-2018. 7:00 in St. Frances DeSalles Cafeteria
- Walnut Hills Area Council meeting on 10-11-2018--at 6:30pm in Bush Rec. Center
- Good Neighbor Day on 10-13-2018 from noon-3:00 in United Way Parking Lot on Reading Road