

## **WHAC Board February Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting- Call to order**, Clarence Taylor

**Minutes from November 2018/January 2019:** Motion to accept November: George Smith, Second: Geoff Sutton. Approved. Motion to accept January: George Smith, Second: Rev. Stacy

**Treasurer's Report, Geoff:** Motion: Baba Charles, Second: John Spencer

## **Membership Invite**

## **Safety Reports**

- George Smith working with District 4 to follow up on recent activity. Safety meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 6pm at Bush
- Clarence participated in meeting with Mt. Auburn—short and long term plans in place, working with Duke for more lighting

## **Presenters**

- **FHACT 50, Roy Hackworth:**
  - opportunity to receive up to \$30 million in low income tax credits over the next three years, and can only utilize in one neighborhood (WH is a finalist).
  - Opportunity to receive credits that are not competitive Next Step: request for information with local developers to see what projects may be low income housing eligible.
  - Applications open until first week of August... will need to develop competitive process for selecting projects/developers.
  - Committee selecting neighborhood in April: OTR, Roselawn, Avondale, Evanston, CUF, WH. Seeking letter of support. Motion for letter of support: Second: Rev. Stacy, George Smith
- **WH Health Food Access, Jena Bradley:** Produce-centric mini grocery opening in Fall in WH ~40 hours a week. Pilot in Kroger parking lot (can order food on phones with pop up pick up at Kroger)
- **CoMADE, John Spencer and Matt Anthony:** Non-profit Co-working and job training space going into Kroger building. Tool library, Desk space, GE Additive Training program, Prototyping and microfactory, Job creation at CoMADE and for companies that come through CoMADE. Request for variance for change of use—light manufacturing and office. Motion: Charles Graves, Second: Fred Orth. One opposed, Five abstentions. Approved
- **Walnut Hills IDC/Greater Cincinnati YMCA, Jorge Perez:** WHAC board in favor of two out of three letters. Motion to postpone vote until March 2019 meeting.
  - 1. Permission to continue to do what they have always done (city requires YMCA to re-permit)
  - 2. Easter Seals: work with Easter Seals for workforce development to provide adult daycare and injured vets.

- 3. School: Life Skills—teach classes (opportunity to re-write letter to support only existing WH schools). Do we modify letter “K-12” to indicate “existing Walnut Hills Schools only”

**WHAC Planning and Development Report, Katy Dietz:** Housing Resources Taskforce meeting on 2/21/19

**WH Historic Society Report, Jena Bradley:** Feb 20 6:30-8, African American Chamber of Commerce—bring stories. Snacks provided

**WHAC Environment and Beautification Report, Fred Orth:** No comments

**Community Updates:**

- CRC Bush Community Center, Vanessa Henderson: Membership reminder! March 9-10 Mayor’s job fair between ages 14-24 open interviews
- WH Library, Kendall Kidder-Goshorn: Facility master plan kicking off now—three buildings not handicap accessible (WH is one of them) and getting updated. Community engagement meeting March 18 6:30-8:00 at Bush. Call Kendall for new renovation ideas. Library under contract with lot next door.
- Neighborhood Schools: J. Hall, K. Hordinski, K. Gardette: WH Education Committee—March 9-9am at Spencer cafeteria to discuss school crosswalk safety. Donorschoose.com –go on to donate to fund school supplies for Douglass.
- Youth Baseball Initiative, Ray Allen and G. Smith: 513.250.0881—call if interested in coaching or have students interested in participating
- Cincinnati Art Museum Carrie Maris: Paris exhibit in March, Burning Man in April. Art Walk updated plans moving forward
- Mercy Neighborhood Ministries: not present
- WHRF Transportation Initiative GIG Shuttles, Aprina Johnson: shuttle service to connect residents to jobs and help secure a car—hot dinner on Saturday 6pm
- Registration Invest in Neighborhood Summit: Saturday March 16 at Xavier Cintas Center. Theme: Resiliency; Strong People, Neighborhoods, Economy and Society

**Old/New Business:**

**Meeting Adjourned**