

## Walnut Hills Area Council March Meeting Minutes DRAFT

**Meeting called to order 6:35 pm** – Clarence Taylor

**Minutes from February 2019:** Motion to accept y Sister Cabrini, second Dee Green. Approved

**Treasurer's report,** Geoff Sutton:

- \$500.00 paid for Website/ digital media maintenance
- \$225.75 paid for web site hosting
- Balance \$10,632

Motion to accept: Dee Green, second Fred Orth, passed

### **Safety Reports**

**Officer Roper-Issa** reported

- 1 shooting at N & I (Lincoln and Gilbert) and
- 1 stabbing.
- Otherwise, the statistics were good, as usual in winter months.
- Police will be sponsoring Camp Joy for ages 10-15, June 3-7

**George Smith** reported on baseball for kids in Walnut Hills

- Start date set March 23 at Ashland Park (Ashland at Victory Parkway) for younger kids, and beginning March 30 at Schwartz Field (2197 May Street at Boone). There may also be some games at Blair Field in Avondale. WHAC will post on social media

**City property tax meeting** will be April 2, 6-8 pm as Wm H Taft Elementary School, 270 Southern Ave 45219

**Policy for letters of support from the WHAC:** Those seeking letters must announce at a monthly meeting prior to the vote. If residents or members want further information, the person or group asking for support should offer a presentation to the community the Thursday prior to the next monthly meeting – that is, the first Thursday of the month. The general membership vote will then take place at the normal monthly meeting on the second Thursday.

**The YMCA requested three letters of support** at the last monthly meeting. This month's meeting voted to approve 2 letters for YMCA uses of the building (21 yea) and for Easter Seals to provide adult day care (16 yea, 1 abstained). The request for a letter to support use as a school was rejected (3 yea, 18 nay)

### **Redevelopment Foundation**

- Emily Ahouse reported on developments around Peeble's Corner
- The RF is releasing a request for proposals for a small grocery store operation
- Aprina is seeking input on workforce readiness from residents and businesses
- The proposed development of 54 units of affordable housing should hear about the city's decision on requests within about a month
- Samantha presented requests for NBDIP streetscape grants, a \$30,000 request for Gateway Art (based on previous work by youth at the RF) and an additional \$200,00 grant to renew the

streetscapes on McMillan from the Treverran Flats west to Gilbert, and west of Gilbert to the Comfort Station

**The WHAC will have a public meeting Thursday April 4 at 6:30** for discussion of the major streetscapes grant, with a vote at the membership meeting on April 11.

**Music Resource Center (MRC)** at 3032 Woodburn gave a short presentation on their programs for high school students, and their low-power FM radio transmitter.

**Gary Dangel** gave a presentation on Go Zero, a program for composting food waste

Cabrini announced a meeting of the **Housing Resources Task Force** with Councilman Landsman's chief of staff working on Eviction Prevention. The task force will make a presentation at the April WHAC meeting.

Tina Marsh of the Human Service Chamber gave a presentation. Their mission is to advocate for policies around Eviction Prevention and Public Transit. They have received a grant to find what neighborhoods need from mass transit. They are conducting a Public Transit Survey, and are partnering with the Better Bus coalition.

Venessa Henderson gave a report on the **Bush Center and CRC** programs: Family Fun Night on March 29, the minicamp for CPS Spring Break, and Summer Camp June 3 – August 9.

Karen Hordinski presented for the **LSDMC at Spencer**. Spencer has a pressing need for high school facilities as they add grade each year. She also expressed safety concerns around (1) trash, (2) drug dealing near both Spencer and Douglass, including parking lots, and pedestrian safety.

The **Walnut Hills Library** announced a meeting at Bush on Monday, March 18 at 6:30, for community engagement as the library plans renovations.

**Environment Committee** announced a spring cleanup for Saturday, March 30 at 9am starting at Green Man Park. 50 UC students will show up as a community service project. Also, community gardens are getting organized.

Residents between Park Avenue and **Seminary Lane** noted that the pavement on Seminary Lane which serves their driveways is in a deplorable state, and that the city is refusing to repair it. Clarence Taylor will look in to this problem.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff Sutton