

Walnut Hills Area Council May 9th Agenda

Meeting called to order—Clarence Taylor

April Minutes request for approval—Katie Neltner

- Changes: Housing Resources (not affordable housing)
- Motion: Miss Dee Green, Mary Cabrini Second; Approved

Treasurer/NSP Report—Geoff Sutton

- Motion: Rev. Stacey, Second Dee Green; Approved

Invitation for Membership—Laura Davis and Clarence Taylor

- Suggestion for organizational memberships

Safety Reports

- District 4—Officer Roper-Issa: 765.1212 non-emergency number. May 14: 9-1 District 4 Open House; 569.5684 is Officer Roper-Issa's office number
- CFD Ladder 23
- Little League Update: league is preventing illegal activity around Ashland Park

Cincinnati Rec. Business 2019-2020 Report—Vanessa Henderson and Steve Gerth:

- Business plan posted on website—purpose was to engage participants in the business process and highlight strengths/weaknesses/goals.
- New rec track system w/ key fobs. Please sign in with CRC when you come to Bush for meetings!
- Memberships: 5-17 \$2, 18-24 \$10, 25-49 \$25, 50+ \$10

Cincinnati Art Museum—Carrie Atkins-Maras: Cameron (Director) presenter.

- Emergency construction project on Eden Park Dr. due to hillside slippage (not the same as Columbia Parkway)-- \$600-700k for the wall. \$150-200k to commit to facing of the wall. June-end of summer. Plan to remove honey suckle and "diseased" trees.
- Building ADA compliant ramp to entrance—completed this fall
- Art Climb Project: 9 stories of climb to bring you up to museum.
- Paris 1900 closing this weekend, and Burning Man begins next week!

Community Schools/CPS Reports—Jeff Hall and Jeff Brewster

- Frederick Douglass:
 - Water drive: 150 cases of water to date—goal is 300 cases. Ask for WHAC to assist with transportation of water to Flint.
 - Grades 4-6 projects submitted and grades 4 & 6 won!
 - Choir started at Frederick Douglass
- Queen City Career Prep Highschool (formerly Life Skills):
 - Jim Blair and Bryce Johnson: leadership

- Changing from drop out school to career prep—focus on the major business development skills. Taft and Gilbert—open door policy for tours.

WH Historical Society—Geoff Sutton and Jena Bradley: monthly meetup Wednesday 6pm Walking Tour in Eden Park (1021 Parkside Pl)--

Redevelopment Foundation Report—Emily Sheckles-Ahouse/RF Team:

- Construction on 2453 Gilbert has begun. Comfort Station opening in June.
- WHRF is hiring! Looking for Program Manager for Walnut Wheels
- Street Food Festival committee members—last call! Seeking sponsors
- Call for fundraising for Youth program
- Walk to WHAC: Meet at Bush at 5pm, and will walk through development
- Food Forest app: Online grocery ordering app piloting in Walnut Hills with 2 pickups/week in Kroger parking lot Fridays 1-3pm. App is live now! Share info on social media @foodforestapp

WH Library Report—Kendal Kidder-Goshorn:

- Renovations ongoing. Vacant lot is now part of WH Library
- Summer Adventure programs—see calendar for schedule
- Snack and dinner service for children 18 and under. 4pm June 3- August 16
- Accepting lightly used toy donations

Environment & Beautification Reports—Fred Orth, Gary Dangel

Updates:

- FHAct 50, City of Cincinnati has designated OTR as the target area and to be recipients of the FHAct 50 tax credits
- City Cincinnati 2020 Budget Calendar Public Hearings
 - Wednesday May 29: LeBlond Rec Center
 - Monday June 3: UC Innovation Lab (Old Sears building Reading Rd)
 - Tuesday June 4: Madcap Theatre 3064 Harrison Ave.

Announcements from the floor:

- **Laundry Love Cincinnati:** Once a month at City Limits, Laundry Love will pay for laundry. 2nd Saturday of the month (2 loads for individual and 4 loads for families) and hygiene items/socks for the homeless. Saturday May 11 is the next event (11-1pm)! June 8 11-2 at West End YMCA—seeking volunteers!
- **Closing the Health Gap:** Eating right, living right, moving right. Douglass carnival—served food. Bodega Day at Johnny's Market Father's Day weekend
- **Green Man Twist:** This Saturday 4-8 Green Man Park
- **Housing Resources:** Next meeting focusing on owner-occupants. Meeting next Thursday 6pm
- **CoMade:** Carla Butler, manager. Tool donations May 18 from 8-3pm. See website for list of tools
- **Gardens:** strawberries, pears, apples free to public. Grant from Serve Ohio to bring back Walnut Hills Community Garden—now have 7 gardeners—talk to Betty or Brenda Baker if you would like a garden bed.

- **Betty's book signing:** free to public! Wine and cheese and music at Dr. Dillard building