

WHAC August Meeting Minutes

Call to order—President, Kathryn Gardette: 6:09pm

July Reports:

- **Area Council meeting minutes**—Secretary Katie Neltner: Motion to approve- Toni Miller, Second- Jena Bradley. Approved.
- **Treasurer**—Geoff Sutton on vacation, will carry to September meeting.
- **Police**—Officer Roper-Issa: homicide on Wayne/May- open investigation. Request to increase patrol on alley off of Boone.
 - **Parking lots**—Jena Bradley: Safety complaints in former Kroger parking lot, so need to crack down on the vendors operating in the Kroger parking lot. This is an attempt to help control the loitering. Reminder-- no public parking in the lot.
- **Fire**—not present

Membership—Laura Davis: Working on post cards with information for local businesses and vendors.

Educational Campuses

- **Schools:** 8/9 Laura Mitchell Superintendent will be revealing the strategic plan for CPS. August 19 is first day of school
- **Recreation**—Vanessa:
 - tomorrow is last day for summer day camp and kids are going to COSI and the zoo.
 - Fall hours begin in September—WHAC meeting will be 6:30.
 - August 17—giving backpacks away from 12-2pm in partnership with Skyline (free food!)—request for donations from 12-2pm
 - Currently hiring—reach out to Vanessa if interested!
- **Library**-- Margaret B.: See August activity calendar for schedule for library events. See Walnut Hills Weekly for free/reduced price events in neighborhood and access to fresh produce. Legal Aid and Community Action Agency Introduce Eviction Prevention Assistance Program at Public Library and YMCA.

Planning and Economic Development

- **Cincinnati Ballet:** Ballet went under contract to build offices, ballet studios and performance space. Two parcels are different zoning classification to get zoning variance—will be seeking support from community.
- **Scholar House:** Priority to Walnut Hills residents for tenancy in the Scholar House. Jobs will be posted on Cincinnati Union Bethel website.
- **WHBA**—Samir Kulkarni: meetings are the third Thursday at 9am at HGC Construction. Gearing up planning for Walnut Hills 5k—please attend meeting if interested in sponsoring or participating in the planning of the 5k. Next meetup 5-8pm at Green Man Park (free ice cream!)
- **WHRF**-- Betty: Durner Building is seeking historic tax credits-- planning to complete by end of 2020.

Environment and Beautification

- **Food Forest:** reminder to download the app and use it! If you need assistance with the app, please visit the library for assistance. FoodForest.app
- **Foraging locations:**
 - Florence/Concord: apple trees
 - Parkside Café and McMillan: chard and kale in flower pots
 - Laundromat: mustard, turnips
 - Melrose: peaches
 - 2704 May St: pears ready soon
 - Concord/Morgan: take home what you pick 9-12 Sunday: edamame, green beans, tomato, chard, garlic, beets
 - CoMADE parking lot: Wednesdays 4-6 produce available by donation

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- **Cincinnati Art Museum**—Carrie: please carpool if you can during construction. Admission/parking are free! Summer camp wrapping up, and kicking off Family First Saturday. Women Breaking Boundaries—new collection coming soon (part of the “Power of Her” city-wide initiative).
- **Historical Society**—Jena Bradley: working to get a firm mission/vision. First meeting is September 18 6:30-8pm (location TBD)—discussion on community plans in the neighborhood—what has worked and what hasn’t
- **Housing Resources Task Force**—Mary Cabrini: information on taxes and home improvement projects to allow people to stay in their homes longer (supported by PWC).
- **Voter registration**—Mary Cabrini: contact Mary Cabrini if you need to renew registration (or if you are unsure)!
- **WHSFF:** September 28 11-5pm in CoMADE parking lot! Entertainment: Food trucks, music, Historical Society, Art Museum. Seeking volunteers to help with festival—contact Betty if interested.
- **Safety**—George: starting plans for next year’s youth baseball league

Generative Discussion-- Old and new business

- **Closing the Health Gap:** Come to Green Man Park tomorrow from 5-7pm
- **Garage Sale:** Every Saturday 10-2pm in August at Green Man Park
- **Noir Market:** Third Saturdays in CoMADE parking lot

Adjourn: Motion- Samir, Second George. Adjourned 7:28pm