

WHAC June 2020 VIRTUAL Meeting

Call to order

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Reports

- Treasurer \$1200 in the bank. May need to return 25% of nsp funds. Accepted, motion by Laura second by Toni, motion carried. Motion carried. Minutes were also approved. Same people.
- Police Crime stats are up, but no report.
- Fire

Membership

- Join remote with PayPal Membership up in June, but mostly because it was down so much from other months because of COVID.
- Anyone going forward will be asked to agree to bylaws. Votes will also include an acknowledgement on the survey that the voter is a paid member.

Educational Campuses

- Schools-Jeff has no new information, still don't know if schools will be open or it will be remote education. He asked for prayers because our children need a remote setting for learning. A final decision is promised by June 22. Karen reported that the same is true for Spencer. Parents were surveyed for which approach they would prefer. 11th grade will be in the building next year. HS athletes are allowed to get together if they social distance.
- Recreation-Vanessa reported that 27 kids are part of the summer camp. They still have a few open positions. She does not yet know when the pool will be opened. Lots of STEM programs are part of the summer camp. Not even parents are allowed in the building.
- Library-Ashley reported that the library is open for curbside pickup. They are working on figuring out the complexities of adjusting to covid so that they can open. 10-6 are the hours, Monday-Saturday. You can pick up reserved books, get IRS forms, JBS forms, print something, but you have to do it from your car. They are going fine free through the rest of 2020. In addition, they are raising the ceiling for fines before you lose the ability to check out a book, as well as the ceiling for fines before they are sent to collections.

Environment and Beautification

- COVID-19-Geoff reported on covid in Walnut Hills. Total in the city is 1257, 55 deaths, 255 hospitalizations. WH 22 cases, 13 hospitalizations, and 2 deaths. CDC.gov has videos for handling, and about covid.
- Cincinnati Art Museum – Carrie reported on the Art Climb which is now open. Museum is open for members only on the 20th. After they work out the bugs, they will open to the public. Please make a reservation before going. They will be doing six weeks of summer camp. She is doing 20 minute virtual recess with kids if educators need it. The website has all of the opening protocols.
- Esoteric Brewing-Marvin and Brian reported out next steps for Esoteric. They will be opening up next month. All of the pieces are coming together. Inspections start tomorrow. Activities start week of July 13. They will have a community day as kickoff. They are hiring! Please apply. They



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are there every day, and you can apply online. There is a working auto attended phone number that people can call to apply. There is a beautiful patio behind the brewery. There is no food partner at the moment, but they are seeking one. They are partnering with the local food options and will have different food everyday.

- The Alexandra-Cabrini reported that the residents group was added to the foreclosure lawsuit. Fairview is seeking to manage the property, but there are questions about their qualifications. The residents of the Alexandra are asking for a letter of support to keep the Alexandra affordable housing. Including the repairs started but not finished by Miller Valentine, is start of the process which they would like included in the letter of support. The lawsuit is seeking to keep the building as affordable housing, regardless of who purchases the property. George reported on the residents' requests. We agreed to send a letter of support.
- Cross Walk – Nassau, Luray & Kemper-Gary Dangel reporting that this crosswalk was part of the original request back in 2017. He will followup with the city.

45206 Civic Engagement Opportunities

- **VIRTUAL** Planning & Development Public Meeting – 1st Thursday, July 2nd 6:30p
- **VIRTUAL** City Budget Hearings Tues, June 16 & Thurs, June 18 **REGISTER** by 2p day before meeting at www.cincinnati-oh.gov
- **VIRTUAL** Housing Resources – 3rd Thursday, June 18th 5:30pm Doing a housing snapchat. Cabrini reported that eviction court opened Monday, with 1000 cases filed. In late July and August, this could be a huge concern. Check out the website for more information. They are seeking ways to outreach to people to assist if they are being evicted. They did a poster and are seeking suggestions of where to post the posters. Also, Scholar House has started welcoming residents!
- TENTATIVE VIRTUAL Safety – 4th Thursday, June 25th

Planning and Economic Development

- WHBA – hosting business district clean-up June 20, 10-noon. Meet at the Body of Christ church.
- Walnut Hills Housing Inventory Snapshot. 15/5
 - In-depth conversation at Housing Resources, June 18th 5:30p-Kira reporting with a presentation of her work. The Walnut Hills Working Group mentored her during the process. She took a few questions and will take more at the planning meeting next Thursday. Let Cabrini know if you want to participate.
- Margaret-Walnut Hills Resources Task Force and Walnut Hills Weekly-WHW has been around for almost a year! They are in a digital only format now, which means they can report more than they used to. Please like them on Facebook. Please read our commitment to Social Justice. WHRTF, they are at \$5,500 in donations. Most of the money goes to period packs for women and are distributed on Fridays at FDES. Lots of people donate food for distribution and assist with all of their activities.
- St Clair's Point 5/5-Tom Neyer reported on the properties in the northwest corner of our neighborhood. They are building an office park. He reviewed the first phase building which will bring 1800 jobs. He will be coming for a letter of support in the next 120 days. It will accommodate cars but they will encourage public transportation and ride sharing environments.
- 1st Presentation for Letter of Support
 - Lighthouse Youth & Family Services – Variance 10/5-Lighthouse is a social services facility, with multiple building. The building at Iowa is a homeless shelter for young (18-24). They purchased four lots to create some greenspace. They have too much concrete and need more recreational area. They want to build an outdoor shelter with a

canopy and a swing. They want to add some tall trees, too. They need a use variance and a dimensional barrier for the fence, and a buffer exemption. She will come to the meeting on July 2.

- The Ransley – Historic Tax Credits 10/5-Matt reported on the changes they want to make to this building, built in 1895. He and his partner purchased the building. He is seeking historic tax credits to restore the building. 12 1bedroom, 1 2bedroom units. He will do his best to make the building affordable. KCB painted the plywood today. Kathyne requested that he bring a presentation with more details for the meeting in July.
- WHRF-Samantha reported that Post Phase II held a couple focus groups, their architects are working on design changes and they will be back for a new support letter. If you want to volunteer in the garden, reach out to Gary. The Kroger site is under contract, and they are working with their partners to close on the land, which might include some East Walnut Hills TFF money. Shout out to Gary for doing all the stuff he did during the Stay At Home order.
- Betty reported that the Flower pots are mostly planted and will be finished by the end of next week.
- George reported that the Greenwich will be opening soon.
- Kathyne asked that you share that we are meeting by Zoom.

New and Old Business

- Census 2020
- Voter Registration

Adjourn