

WHAC July 2020 VIRTUAL Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 6:36, we all took a deep breath.

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Reports

Treasurer & NSP- The only trans was \$16 for Zoom. \$11,956.93 is in the bank, NSP deadline to spend has been extended to Oct. First project is showing videos at Green Man Park. Margar is our new Historical Society rep for the board. Geoff moves for approval of the treasurer's report, seconded by Margar. Treasurer's report accepted.

- Police-Officer Roper-Issa reporting. Burglaries and B&E on an uptick by a group of three in several surrounding neighborhoods. Also, theft from autos, so please keep your cars locked. Ashland has some issues. Working with police partnering center. Working towards proper utilization of the Ashland Park. Boone and May generating complaints. Oak Street, and Gilbert/Taft is getting bad at night. Please call in your complaints. They are looking for the owner of 711 Oak Street so that they can address the issues. Call if you are ever uncomfortable getting out of your cars or going into your house because there are crowds of people around. Vanessa noted that a group of folks are gambling at the corner in the middle of the day and she would prefer that they not be around the children. Margar noted that illegal large item dumping has been happening on Kemper. Officer Roper-Issa noted that because of the pandemic and the furloughs, they are unable to address issues as quickly as they once could. Kathrynne noted that there will be a Safety Meeting at the end of the month. The date is always the fourth Thursday of the month at the Bush Rec Center at 6:00pm.
- Fire-Fire department is unable to join us, but noted that there is an increase of calls. The empty apartments were set on fire, and concerns about the arsonist are on everyone's minds. They also reminded us all that fireworks are NOT allowed within the city limits. Also if you are cooking outdoors, be careful.

Membership

- Reporting by Sara-Leah Miller. Laura will be sending a survey around soon for membership demographics. If you are not a member, you can join via PayPal on the website. Only paid members can vote. New member Janet Million commented that she would like to be able to join completely online, but could only find a paper application. Gary will post a link to the website for online application.

Educational Campuses

- Schools-Wes Crout reporting for Frederick Douglass, no info except that CPS is doing a hybrid schedule as school opens. New covid school year-three days one week, two days the next. Karen reported on Spencer School. The plan may change. Siblings will be on the same schedule. All students will be issued devices. At home days will have videos and homework, which will be discussed when they are in in-person school. School supply needs will be greater this year than they have ever been. There is also a greater need for tutors.



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- Recreation-Vanessa lead the group singing happy birthday. Doing well at Bush, but closed to the public. They are running the kids program. They go to the Evanston pool on Wednesdays and Fridays. They will do before and after care during the school year.
- Library-Ashley reporting-they will do daily curb service from 10-6. Printing, copies, books, reference help is still available from the curb. There are some good activity books, and reading books available for children to take home. No updates on renovations project, still on track and on target. Ground breaking planned for end of the year. You can still return books in the book drop. Books are quarantined for three days. There are NO LATE fees for 2020.

Environment and Beautification

- COVID-19- Walnut Hills had 22 last month, 57 today. The last ten days had huge increase. Free Covid testing in the Kroger lot July 10, 11 and 12, from 11-4, sponsored by Closing the Health Gap. Wear your face mask, wash your hands, social distance.
- Community Gardens-Gary reported on the gardens, he had 20 volunteers working at gardens today. If anybody wants to garden, Gary will help you, Betty at the Concord Garden, Sue Plummer or Brenda Baker are also available. It is good for the sunshine disinfectant.
- Cross Walks-Gary reported that a group in Brooklyn wants to do a street mural in front of Frederick Douglass. The City rules are changing. Once there is an answer to how much can be painted, ideas are being entertained.

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- **VIRTUAL** Planning & Development Public Meeting – 1st Thursday, August 6th 6:30p
- **VIRTUAL** Housing Resources – 3rd Thursday, July 16th 5:30p-Cabrini reporting on the last meeting about concerns for people concerned about evictions or having trouble with mortgage payments.
- TENTATIVE VIRTUAL Safety – 4th Thursday, July 23rd

Planning and Economic Development

- WHBG-Restaurants are open except Brew House. They had another clean up. More people from outside participate than from the neighborhood. Dumas Meats is moving forward, but is still looking for funding. A new business will be opening soon in Samir's building. WHBG meets virtually the third Thursday at 12:00pm.
- Vote Presentation for Letter of Support
 - Lighthouse Youth & Family Services – They need a zoning variance to add more greenspace to their new facility. 5/5 Lighthouse presented for five minutes, there were no questions, and will be voted via survey monkey.
- WHRF-Samantha is permanent Executive Director-Moved the Giveaways to the Kroger lot from 11-3. Dropped off 12 boxes of shelf stable food at the Alexandra. Census Forms and voter registration also on Fridays. We have a link on the website of all the gardens in Walnut Hills. Partners are working together to coordinate. Model Group closed on the purchase of the Kroger land. Community conversations have started. VTicka will fund the repayment of the EWH Tif loan. Good work between the two communities. Did not get LIHTC on the Lincoln Gilbert project, so re-evaluating what we can do there. Durner Building still in process. Cabrini would like to distribute Housing Resources info on Fridays as well. Alexandra will be updated next month.
- Vote Presentation for Letter of Support

- The Ransley – Historic Tax Credits 5/5 They did a five minute presentation. They have a retail space and 11-13 apartments, with 1-2 at 30-60 AGI, and the remaining at 80-120 AGI. All but one are one bedroom apartments, also one two bedroom. Based on feedback from us, they made it much more affordable, which is the first time we've seen that happen. This will be voted on via survey monkey.

New and Old Business

Concerns about the bushes growing in the alley by the Cadillac Dealership were raised.

Margar reported on the Walnut Hills Weekly, next week is one-year publication anniversary. Walnut Hills Resources Task Force is distributing supplies at the Kroger parking lot. They have received over \$5,000 of donations. Fireside Pizza is now open every day.

Carrie reported on the Art Museum-they are open Thursday-Sunday. You need a ticket, which is free, but maintains social distancing. The art room is closed. Art Climb is open!

Samantha also mentioned that the Model Group is working on a mural for the Manse. They are working with Art Works if you would like to work with them. Milhaus will be coming back in August on Post Phase II.

The Library has voter registrations forms year round.

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