

WHAC January 2021 Virtual Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting ID: 86764860285 Passcode: 115156

Call to order-6:35

Kathryne opened by introducing the board. Each board member introduced themselves, and noted their favorite quote.

January Reports

- Treasurer-Geoff Sutton reporting, a few checks have cleared, the zoom fee cleared and our annual fee for social media maintenance cleared, the balance is \$5,900. Cabrini moved, Toni seconded, treasurer's report accepted.
- NSP-Report from 2020 has been accepted, the 2021 budget has been accepted by the city and has been submitted for approval.

Public Service

- Police Department-Candace Roper-Issa reporting, We've had two shootings, which will be on next month's crime stats, they are ongoing cases. With the cold upon us, do NOT leave your car running outside, and be cautious about package deliveries-theft is on the uptick. One rape reported, although it was attempted rape. Please call if you see someone dressed in black just lingering in the shadows. Other safety issues were discussed. Crime stats can be found on the WHAC Facebook page. Mona raised the issue of how can we better communicate with the neighborhood when a child goes missing.
- Safety Committee-meets the fourth Thursday of the month on Zoom.

Membership-Margar reporting, presented three options to move forward 2021 membership fees issues:

- 1) Keep fees the same with a little investigation for comparability with other neighborhoods
- 2) Free membership-might lessen the value of membership
- 3) Pay what you want-might lose value, might equate value of membership with amount paid.

Toni expressed concern about 2 and 3. Might make people come to meeting to vote on a project and be members for a day, distorting the will of the neighborhood. Wes noted how we note who can and can't join might affect the vote more than the \$ amount of fees. Cabrini suggested formalizing membership, and have voting open only to members for greater than 30 days. Toni suggested a fund for people who want to join and can't pay. Ric Hordinski motioned that we take a look at the bylaws and redefine membership and the associated fees, Wes seconded. Other ideas were discussed. Heather Verbeck suggested that we find a way to waive without having to ask for it, just a box to check on the form. Kathryne noted the several volunteers to work with Ric on the bylaws.

Educational Campuses

- Schools-Jeff Hall reporting on FDES, back to remote learning, district will decide on Saturday if they might come back to school. Hamilton County is purple, highest alert, so most likely they will continue online learning. He strongly suggests getting the vaccine. He hopes that the kids are able to get back to school as soon as possible. Mr. Hall would like to coordinate communication between all the educational institutions within the neighborhood. Karen Hordinski reporting for Spencer School-the lottery is now open for high school lottery. Men's varsity basketball team had their first win.
- Recreation-Vanessa reporting, because CPS is closed, they are still doing their enrichment program though mid-February. It is a challenge keeping the kids online, and also fed and otherwise corralled. Dues can be paid online at CincyRec.org. with Bush Rec highlighted.



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- Library-Ashley reporting, McMillan is working, they will be there until Spring 2022. Demo started on the old branch today. Which will be renovated and added onto. She reminds everyone that they offer curbside service. Offering meals for children under 18, distributed every Monday, enough for a week. They are fine free through July 2021. There is a winter reading program for adults with great prizes. They also have Take and Make Craft kits for children and adults. Also offering a Black Maternity Matters on their website in partnership with Cradle, Cincinnati. No drop box will be available for the foreseeable future. EBooks count for the check out challenge.

Environment and Beautification

- COVID-19-City no longer updating the website for the neighborhoods, however, Hamilton County is purple, please stay home except for absolute essentials.
- Full Circuit-Margar reporting, come on Fridays to the CVS parking lot, joining with LaSoupe and Healthy Harvest Mobile Market.
- Green Space & Food Access-Gary Dangel reporting, discussed the new park at the end of Gilbert and Elsinore. Steve Shuckman updated us on the design of the new park. See more at the Planning and Economic Develop. Meeting the first Thursday in February. Winter hours for food access are now 1-3. Healthy Harvest Mobile Market will be off this Friday. New priest, Jason Oden, from Church of the Advent offers free cappuccinos to anyone who wants to chat.
- Artistic – Performance – Cultural
 - CAM, Ballet, Stowe House, Historical Society-Ballet making great progress on both building and Johnson Park.

Planning and Economic Development

- WHBA-Meets on the third Thursday at 9:00am via Zoom
- 2nd presentation, LoS Vote: Park Avenue Garage-recap of project for zoning variance, motion to support by Cabrini, Karen Hordinski seconded, motion carried for support letter.
- WHRF-Samantha reporting. Getting close on the Alexandra right of redemption. WHRF would be interim owner, Episcopal Retirement Home will be the manager, Model will purchase from WHRF if credits get awarded. Model may add four people to the Advisory Council for the Kroger site, one from each quadrant. Still hoping to demolish the old Kroger building, and initiate the In the Mean Time Market.
- 1st presentation: Lincoln Avenue & Gilbert-Amber presenting, originally was 56 units of affordable housing, but has been tweaked for this round. They are adding the Over 35 Club to this round. Buildings will border Gilbert and Monfort, with parking the middle. They will be including the brick over 35 club in the development. Non monolithic frontage to the building. 59 total units, 9 at workforce house, and 50 at 60%AMI. Applying for LIHTC. Asking for a letter of support. A discussion ensued about what the best mix of income would work best for Walnut Hills.

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- Hands-on Give Back
 - Full Circuit – Friday’s and Assembling Period Packs
 - Frederick Douglass & Spencer Center
- Listening & Speaking
 - Go-Metro.com Take Survey, Sign-up for a meeting.
 - Ashland Avenue – CPOP Committee January 19, 5:30p via zoom
 - Cincinnati Birthing Center – Open House, February 15, 10:00a-2:00p
- WHAC Committee Meetings
 - VIRTUAL Planning & Economic Development – 1st Thursday, February 4th, 6:30p
 - Zoom Meeting ID 86764860285 Passcode: 115156
 - VIRTUAL Housing Resources – 3rd Thursday, January 21st, 6:30p
 - Zoom Meeting ID: 81369600899 Passcode: 369713

- VIRTUAL Safety – 4th Thursday, January 28th, 6:30p
 - Zoom Meeting ID: 89217457851 Passcode: 719423

Old and new business-There is a UC van roaming the neighborhood seeking opinions on Covid-19.

Adjourn 8:43