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WHAC October Meeting

Call to order

September Reports

- Treasurer & NSP-Cabrini moved, Toni seconded to accept treasurer's report, Geoff is prepping next year's budget now if anyone is interested in helping.
- Police-Officer Roper-Issa reporting, Tiffany, George and Margar will also be reporting. Last Friday there was a shooting on McMillan. Warrants have been issued. Increase of theft from auto. Street closure on Park between Yale and Taft to do street mural tomorrow until the 11th. George mentioned that the Kroger lot has seen a lot less drug activity. There has been fewer parties, and the Alexandra residents are appreciative. Roper-Issa noted that those people were displaced to Gilbert and Foraker, but they are all working together. Margar noted that an abandoned car was still in front of the library. George noted that they are making progress on the Black Lives Matter project. Toni brought up the issues on St. James, Nassau, Park and that area. One of the major players was arrested last week.

Membership-We need a new membership chair. We THANK LAURA DAVIS for all of her years of service.

Educational Campuses-Some schools are in, some are out, it is fluid. There are local people and organizations that are moving forward with taking care of food access issues for our school kids.

- Schools-Anita Allen is with Dohn and she just started. They will have a trunk or treat next Saturday. Sheena also reported on Frederick Douglass Elem. It is kind of like back to school in October. Teachers are gathering supplies, masks are being distributed, school will start back on campus on Monday. Each child has a backpack, power packs are back in and enrollment is up.
- Recreation-Vanessa reporting, the issue with bandwidth has been resolved. The rec center is looking for part time staff people to help with the school kids and with cleaning. They are open from 7:00am to 7:pm. Bush is partnering with the North Avondale Trunk or Treat. They are still doing senior meals. If you know a senior, connect with Vanessa. They are looking for volunteers to pull out the honeysuckle at Ashland Park. Park District will do most of the rest of the work, especially taking out the dead tree. The Bush Rec Center will be open on November 3 for voting. Geoff noted that he is the number one member of the Vanessa Henderson Fan Club. She assisted with putting up the baseball posters.

- Library-Ashley reporting from Vermont, they are open 10-6 Monday-Saturday. Each Monday, they provide meals for kids, seven dinners and seven snacks. They will be stopping service at their current location Thursday, Oct 29, and will reopen in the new space at 961 McMillan on Monday, Nov 2. You can still pick up absentee ballot requests and they will take them to the BOE. They have the League of Women Voter guides if you need one. The new library will be completely accessible.

Creative & Historical Engagement

- Cincinnati Art Museum-Carrie reporting, visitor parking is still out of commission, there is parking in the back lot. Should be done mid November. Two more sculptures will be installed by the end of November. She went through the process of requesting a ticket for everyone. You need a ticket to go, especially on Thursdays, which are free. Hank Willis Thomas is a popular exhibit. Be careful on the steps.
- Cincinnati Ballet – presentation-Carolyn reporting, a slideshow of the progress they are making on their new building. Damian also reported, as their new community engagement consultant. They will be offering classes for all sorts of people, regardless of dance ability. Several community spaces are being planned. The parking lot will do double duty as an outdoor performance space. Soft opening in May. Open to the public in September. They are going to do a Walnut Hills Event as the very first event.
- Harriet Beecher Stowe House-Christina reporting, still planning exterior renovations for this fall. Oct 19 start date. Tours are being done by appointment. Outdoor walking tours are starting Saturday morning, which is sold out. George suggested Souls of the Game for a movie night at HBS House.
- Walnut Hills Historical Society-Margar reporting, they have developed materials for Black Baseball in Walnut Hills. Geoff noted that all the posters are at the Rec Center, Frederick Douglass, Spenser School, Ashland Park.

Environment and Beautification

- Medians-Fred Orth reporting, Hard Rock Café picked up and are halfway done with the medians
- COVID-19-Geoff reporting, 101 cases, 22 hospitalizations, 6 deaths, 60 recovered, 2.1 positivity rate. Hamilton County is RED, so wash your hands and wear your masks. Equitas does testing on Tuesdays and Thursday, and Maslows Army does testing on Sundays.
- Equitas Health – presentation Bill and Jose reporting, Their Cincinnati location is now open, their CEO lives in Warren County. Their focus is on the HIV/AIDS, LBGTQ community, although all are welcome. They have a pharmacy open to the public. They are a federal community health center and have partnerships with several local non profits. They serve everyone regardless of their ability to pay and have a sliding fee scale for those without insurance. They are hoping that their pharmacy becomes a neighborhood pharmacy, and includes delivery. They passionately believe that no matter who you are, healthcare is a basic human right.

- 2020 Census & Election-Vote and don't forget to fill out your Census!

Planning and Economic Development

- Community Benefits Agreement – Action Tank <https://www.actiontankusa.org/community-benefits-agreements>
- WHBA-meets next Thursday, has a cleanup in the works.
- The Model Group-Parking lot is coming.
- WHRF-Samantha reporting, Oct 10 street mural, Fridays are food access days, 1;15-3:00, get a popsicle. Hope for the Alexandra to keep it affordable, a path is available to exercise a right of redemption and save the building from foreclosure. If someone wants to use the parking lot, coordinate with Matt Reckman of the Model Group.

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- Full Circuit-Margar reporting, introducing the organization. They have several programs involving food insecurity and period packs, and are working towards more programming. Donations are being put to good use on your neighbors and are appreciated.
- VIRTUAL Planning & Development – 1st Thursday, November 5th 6:30p
- VIRTUAL Housing Resources – 3rd Thursday, October 15th , 5:30p-Cabrini reporting, Homeless Coalition is having an event this fall and advocating for fuller funding of the housing trust fund.
- VIRTUAL Safety – 4th Thursday, October 22, 6:30p

Old and new business

- Habitat for Humanity: Rock the Block – October 10,2020
- CBR <http://www.investinneighborhoods.org/community-benefits-request-cbr/>
- Neighborhood Cleanup November 14

Interfaith Hospitality, has some funding for pet owners seeking assistance, but the funding won't last long. They have a fundraising event focused on the responsibility of white congregations to demand an end to systemic racism.