

WHAC November Meeting Minutes

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Call to order

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October Reports

- Treasurer-Geoff presented a proposed budget for NSP funds for 2020-2021, \$2,020 for beautification and maintenance, \$1,500 for Civic engagement, \$2,100 for youth, \$100 for safety, \$2,270 for Membership for a total of \$7,990
- NSP presentation and vote-motion made by Margar, seconded by George, everyone raised their hand to vote. All voted to approve the budget, no nays or abstentions.

Public Service

- Police Department
- Safety Committee
 - Black Lives Matter event @Esoteric-Saturday November 21, 12-4pm at the Esoteric Brewing, in the back by the Kroger parking lot. No other outside food allowed because of Esoteric's contract with A Taste of Belgium, along with some other vendors. Aprina Johnson and Veronica from the Greenwich will be our entertainment.

Membership

- WHAC – 2021 Board Election-two positions are open, both are for residents of Walnut Hills. If you are interested, let Karen Hordinski know at Karen.hordinski@gmail.com. Karen Hordinski made a motion to move the election to December. George seconded the motion. It passed with no abstentions or nays.

Educational Campuses

- Schools-We have leadership from four of our neighborhood schools. Anita Allen from Dohn School reported. Some buildings have been closed because of Covid, but students are still coming to school to pick up packets. Buildings might be open next week. Queen City Career Prep High School reported by Chris Smith, at 2170 Gilbert. They recently renovated and would love to give tours. They are all remote learning now. Karen Hordinski gave the update for Spencer School. They are working towards renovations to accommodate high school students as well as elementary students. They will go back to remote learning after Thanksgiving. Sheena Dunn reporting for FDES. They will also be going back to remote learning after Thanksgiving and will decide what happens after the Holiday closer to year end. Looking for ideas to accommodate their holiday activities in the time of Covid. Monthly partner meeting on the 19th at 10am. Let Sheena know if you would like to be a tutor. If you would like to contribute gift cards to their holiday adopt a family program, Sheena would greatly appreciate your gift cards. She will update us as to drop off instructions for gift cards. Attendance and connection during remote learning has been amazing.
- Recreation-Vanessa reporting, when CPS goes back to remote learning, their student programs ramp up. Keeping up with each student's schedule is a challenge. Let the Rec Department know if you are interested in Youth sports. They are collecting diapers for a contest. She appreciates your support. The weight room is open, but you need a reservation. Wear a mask!
- Library-Ashley reporting, the library has moved from the first library in the county to a temporary location next to Mortar at 961 E. McMillan. They still have most of their usual services, just not as many books on site. They are building a new space and renovating the old building, with parking across the street. When they are done, it will be the second largest branch



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library in the county. The book drop is still in the old location, but will be closing soon and will reopen in the new space. They still offer a meal box to anyone under the age of 18 every Monday from 3-5. They've been giving away about 30 boxes a week. They are not currently taking donated books, but they are doing "Donate Days" which are on their website.

Environment and Beautification

- COVID-19-Geoff reporting, 6.2% is our positivity rate. Walnut Hills has not had a great spike, we are up to 106, with 24 hospitalizations. Deaths remain at 6. Dr. Anna Goroncy is a resident doctor, and they have been interested in Walnut Hills. Test and Protect is a federal program for targeted testing for high risk populations. They are looking for testing sites, and for feedback on how to get the word out about the testing.
- Full Circuit-Margar reporting, They have \$900, most of which is being spent on Period Packs, but might move towards Winter Survival packs for housing insecure residents. They are always looking for volunteers. If you want to donate, go to www.walnuthillsrf.org/Fullcircuit
- Artistic – Performance – Cultural
 - CAM, Ballet, Stowe House, Historical Society-Ballet reporting by Carolyn. Expect a neighborhood survey soon.
 - Carrie report for Cincinnati Art Museum, new sculptures are on the Art Climb. Parking lot improvements are almost done. There are two tour opportunities on Saturday November 28th at 11am, and Saturday, December 5th at 11am. Email to reserve tour spots at artforlife@cincyart.org. They will take the first 10 each day.
 - Christina reporting-Renovations have started. They removed the porch and some cornices, restoring it closer to historically accurate.
 - Geoff Sutton reporting, they will have their first virtual meeting, about "the Great Migration" featuring painting by Jacob Lawrence, and then something corresponding that happened in Walnut Hills.
 - Florence Parker from OKI Regional Council of Government, would like us to take a survey at www.oki.org. At the home page at the top is a simple survey along with information about the public meeting.
 - Racial and Health Inequities from 9-11 next week. Look on our website for more details.

Planning and Economic Development

- WHBA-clean up has been cancelled because of COVID.
- WHRF-Samantha reporting, Model comes to planning committee meetings to provide updates. For the Alexandra, they are still working on the right of redemption to acquire the building and get the property out of foreclosure. They are hoping to put out a newsletter soon. Civic Garden Center has some free classes if anyone is interested.
- Dan Maxwell commented about COVID testing opportunities.

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- Hands-on Give Back
 - Founders Forest – Tree decorating November 21-27
 - Full Circuit – Friday's and Assembling Period Packs
- Listening & Speaking
 - City Planning Commission: Poste Phase 2: Friday 11/20, 9a
 - Community Engagement Collective – Amber Kelly reporting, doing a research project on African American women in poverty areas on stress coping.
 - Ashland Avenue – CPOP Committee December 1, 5:30p via zoom
- WHAC Committee Meetings
 - VIRTUAL Planning & Development – 1st Thursday, December 3, 6:30p
 - VIRTUAL Housing Resources – 3rd Thursday, November 19th, 5:30p
 - VIRTUAL Safety – 4th Thursday, November 22, 6:30p

Old and new business

- HomeBase VIRTUAL Annual Bus Tour – November 19 4p

Adjourn-Motion made by George, seconded by Geoff, meeting adjourned.