

## WHAC November Meeting Minutes

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### Call to order-6:30pm

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### Public Service

- Metro/SORTA-Taylor Liggins reporting. She presented encouraging news from Metro.
- Police Department-down in murder and aggravated assault, up in burglary and auto theft.
- Safety Committee-George and Margar reporting. No BLM rally until covid runs its course. Many people involved, and this will happen when safety is not as critical a concern.
- We had to postpone the Safety meeting last month because of Thanksgiving and this month because of Christmas Eve. We are hoping to schedule one on a Saturday, and took a poll to see who would be able to do a Safety Committee meeting on a Saturday. We have a couple hotspots in the neighborhood that need to be addressed. The Saturday to meet is TBD. Kathrynne will keep us posted.

### October Reports

- Treasurer-Geoff gave the treasurer's report, motion to accept by George, second by Karen, treasurer's report approved.

### Membership

- WHAC – 2021 Board Election Margar B. has lived in the community for six years, is the founder of Full Circuit and the Walnut Hills Weekly, Katy D, resident for seven years and co-founder of Green Man Twist. This is her second three-year term. Kelly Hand has lived in Walnut Hills for four years. She is good at communication and planning.
- We voted by raising hands. All candidates were elected.

### Educational Campuses

- Schools-Karen reported on Spencer, they are looking for another community connection, connect with Karen. The building will be expanded in the near term. There is a lot of parental involvement in the school. The school is very diverse. Sheena from Douglass reported about living through remote learning. They raised over \$6,000 for holidays for Frederick Douglass families. The season will be as cheerful and joyful as it always is. Anita reporting from Dohn, by the end of December they will have 20 high school graduates and many older graduates as well. They are hiring teachers for Social Studies, Math and English. Connect via the Dohn website if you are interested. They've had some budget cuts.
- Recreation-Vanessa reporting, the center is open, just not open for the public. One of their kids lost a parent, and are hoping the community can rise to the occasion and make their holiday bright. Ages 6 and 9. They have 24 kids in their current enrichment program, the mini camp will continue, make an appointment if you want to come in and use the weight room or gym. Santa will visit in the parking lot. Ashland park is still a concern. They still do senior meals on Sundays.
- Library-Ashley reporting. The library moved to 961 E. McMillan. They will be there for a year and a half as the old library with its new addition is under construction/renovation. They have curbside pickup and return, and some services are also available via curbside. They have meals for anyone under the age of 18 on Mondays. Be sure to check holiday hours closer to Christmas and New Years. The librarians are amazing in our neighborhood.

### Environment and Beautification



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- COVID-19-Geoff reporting, 275 cases, 94 recovered, hospitalizations are 27, 7 deaths, 10.8 positivity rate in Walnut Hills. Anna also reporting from the Health Collaborative, trying to find a testing site for Walnut Hills, which will likely be in the parking lot at Bush Rec. Vaccines are on the horizon, with trust being a huge issue. Closing the Health Gap is doing some great town halls on Covid and the vaccine. Equitas can do testing on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Talbert Housing on Thursdays. Talbert House does not require an appt, Equitas does need an appointment.
- Full Circuit-Margar reporting, still moving on pace for period care packages on Fridays. Donate to Full Circuit via the WHRF paypal button, you can volunteer via sign up genius.
- Rosalind Flutz, Constituent Liaison, Office of Congressman Chabot, she reported that congressional offices can help with a variety of issues-Social Security, IRS, veterans benefits, etc. Party affiliation does not matter. Congressman Chabot wants to hear from you. His phone number is available 24/7.
- Artistic – Performance – Cultural
  - CAM, Ballet, Stowe House, Historical Society
  - Carolyn from the Ballet reporting, the Nutcracker will air on tv WLWT, Channel 5. Working on a community survey, a community dance class will be coming soon.
  - Carrie reporting on the Cincinnati Art Museum, they don't know yet if they will open on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Duvenak opening on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Imagination Alley in OTR has the Walnut Hills tree all decorated. CAM employees collected over \$700 in gift cards for FDES. They are planning another art climb. Check out YouTube and Facebook-CAM Connect for more artsy stuff.
  - Kathryn suggests that we all go to the Historical Society website to look at the video they made. Also, drive by and see the work being done at the Stowe House.

#### Planning and Economic Development

- Presentation: The Stough Group-Scott Stough presenting, 2339 Park Avenue, been in the family for decades. They took down the old carriage house, preserving as many original construction materials as possible. They are trying to get a zoning variance to get the carriage house back to its original glory.
- WHBA-Third Thursday of every month, 9:00am, check their Facebook page for login info.
- Presentation: The Model Group-Zach reporting, for Model Group LIHTC application. 40-50 family affordable units, 4-5 stories, 40,000 sf, in the future, additional units will be built that are market rate. Kathryn noted that the community would like buildings that include both market rate and affordable instead of segregating them. We are diverse, and we live in harmony and we want to continue to do so. Next City is a great resource to see how neighborhoods across the country are doing development outside of the box.
- WHRF-Samantha reporting, Model will be putting together a steering committee to guide the redevelopment of the old Kroger site. She gave an update on the Alexandra. The plan is for WHRF to become the owner, then bring in ERH and Model to do some bigtime refinancing to do upgrade construction and to relieve resident anxiety. Food Fridays are still happening. They are doing a fundraiser and have a match, so every dollar you give can count double!

#### 45206 Civic Engagement Opportunities

- Hands-on Give Back
  - Founders Forest – Tree decorating November 21-27
  - Full Circuit – Friday's and Assembling Period Packs
- Listening & Speaking
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 5p community conversation with Jan-Michelle Kearney
  - City Planning Commission: Poste Phase 2: Friday 12/18, 9a
  - Metro/SORTA, Route 4 Community Meeting, 1/21, 6p
- WHAC Committee Meetings

- VIRTUAL Housing Resources – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, December, 6:30p-Cabrini noted that evictions are an urgent need, the rent moratorium ends December 31, with no renewal in sight. Please call your representatives.
- VIRTUAL Safety – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 6:30p (Not in December)
- VIRTUAL Planning & Development – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, January, 6:30p

**Old and new business-Please tell your neighbors you love them, and appreciate them.**

**Adjourn-8:42**

