

WHAC February 2021 Virtual Meeting Minutes

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Call to order – 6:32 Kathyne opened by asking members to submit names that people of color that have had a profound influence on us, as a way to celebrate Black History Month.



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January Reports

- Treasurer/NSP-Geoff reporting.
Check for social media maintenance, reported in December but cashed in January: \$750
Zoom for January, \$16.16
Balance: \$5,903.86 Nothing came in. Motion to accept by Toni, seconded by Carrie. Motion carried. We are still figuring out how to accept dues online and until that happens, we will likely have no money coming in, other than from the City. No word yet on if our 2021 NSP request has been approved.

Public Service

- Police Department
 - Comfort Station – Liqueur license transfer from WHRF to 793 E. McMillan LLC.
 - Fireside - Liqueur license transfer from former owner to current owner
 - Cincinnati Ballet – Easement-Kathyne reported the request for an easement for the drive off of Gilbert to Eden Park Dr.
 - Kandace reporting-crime stats submitted, which are lower than the last few years. There is an unknown person assaulting females in parking lots, so please be extra aware, and safeguard your employees. Please be aware of theft from auto and keep your cars locked. Police are focused on Curtis, and the area surrounding Peebles Corner. Do NOT leave your car running unlocked and unattended. George invited Kandace to the Safety Meeting. She will attend.
- Safety Committee – 4th Thursday, February 25, 6:30p-Be there!

Planning and Economic Development

- Presentation & Letter of Support Vote: Lincoln & Gilbert Project-Reporting by Samantha from WHRF and Amber from Pennrose. Good attendance at Planning Committee, after feedback, they have retooled to get a better score. This is the third application and the last of many presentations. This application includes the building across the street as well as the block of Gilbert, Foraker, Monfort and Lincoln. All units meet the criteria for being “affordable” with the highest rents at 60% of AMI. Margar asked to see the rent schedule and Amber explained the different levels of rents. Patricia and George expressed their appreciation and support. All the units will be the same regardless of the rent level, other than size. Vote taken, the ayes have it.

Dr. Douglass introduced himself from the clinic. He encouraged us to get vaccinated.

- WHBA-meets the third Thursday of each month at 9:30am on Zoom.
- Presentation: Kroger Design Discovery, Kevin Wright and Kathy Atkinson presented plans for the old Kroger site. They will form a decision-making committee. They went over the history of the site including Form Based Code and the Reinvestment Plan. Kathy will be organizing an advisory committee to guide the process including reps from Mortar, WHAC, Cincinnati Public Library, Episcopal Retirement Homes, City of Cincinnati, The Port, and Cincinnati Union Bethel. They are looking for ambassadors to assist with the design discovery process. All engagement activities will comply with CDC Covid guidelines. Ric Hordinski asked if the survey would be public (YES)

and what the percentage of public vs. private money is. Jason Chamlee from the Model Group answered as zero, because the Model Group purchased it. Mona asked about the committee, and how the residents were added, noting that members of the advisory group were hand picked.

- WHRF-Samantha reporting-All parties agree on the docs for WHRF to assume ownership and Model can assume management so that the Model Group can redevelop the Alexandra. Still giving out care packages with Full Circuit. They hired a community Food person.

Educational Campuses

- Schools-Sheena reporting for Douglass, they are pulling themselves up by the bootstraps. Vaccines are happening but not smoothly. Upcoming event with the Health Gap. Restarting clubs virtually. Trying to be as normal as possible. Shoutout to Bush and Ms. Vanessa.
- Recreation-Vanessa reporting, they are rolling along with help from CPS and Meals on Wheels. New partnership with Cincinnati State, which helps immensely.
- Karen reporting from Spencer, they are welcoming kids back grade by grade.
- Library-Ashley reporting, new location at 961 E. McMillan. Lots of activities going on.

Environment and Beautification

- COVID-19-Anna reporting, Dr. Bowler was introduced. All their staff has been vaccinated and are back to work in limited safe capacities. 409 cases in Walnut Hills, mostly in the 19-29 age group. Vaccines are not being administered equitably and they are working to fix that. Until recently, Walnut Hills was a vaccine desert. Equitas will have 100 doses of the vaccines on Thursday and are working to promote the vaccine. Feel free to visit and register for the vaccine on Fridays from 1-3.
- Green Space & Food Access-Yolanda Hill is the new Food Champion at the WHRF, working for the benefit of the community.
- Artistic – Performance – Cultural
 - CAM, Ballet, Stowe House, Historical Society, Artworks-Carrie reporting that they are wrapping up art making kits, make a reservation if you want to come to the museum, they are registering for summer camp. Christine reporting that the restoration is still underway. Tours by appointment. Artworks reporting too, as our newest neighbors. They will move in in April and be active in May.

Membership-Margar reporting. She thanked Ric for spearheading the survey regarding voting privileges. After the Bylaws Committee is finished, they will present their findings regarding voting and membership.

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- Hands-on Give Back
 - Full Circuit – Friday's and Assembling Period Packs-Margar presented Period Pack shopping list and assembly instructions.
 - Frederick Douglass & Spencer Center
 - Cincinnati Birthing Center – Open House, February 15, 10:00a-2:00p
- WHAC Committee Meetings
 - VIRTUAL Housing Resources – 3rd Thursday, February 18th, 6:30p
 - A proposed City Charter amendment may go onto the May ballot in Cincinnati for The Housing Trust Fund. For our February meeting please register for The Women's City Club livestream presenting a perspective on the proposed amendment. To register:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/perspectives-on-the-proposed-charter-amendment-to-fund-affordable-housing-tickets-138161293147>
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- Mary Cabrini reporting-discussed the charter amendment, hopes lots of people will attend,
- VIRTUAL Safety – 4th Thursday, February 25th, 6:30p
 - Zoom Meeting ID: 89217457851 Passcode: 719423
- VIRTUAL Planning & Economic Development – 1st Thursday, March 4th, 6:30p
 - Zoom Meeting ID 86764860285 Passcode: 115156

George reported that J & W BBQ will be back at Gilbert and Curtis.

Kathryne noted that we have many small businesses in our community and that we should all work hard to spend as many of our dollars here in our community as we can. Bring someone with you to next month's meeting.

Old and new business

Adjourn-8:28pm