

WHAC August Board Meeting Minutes

Call to order

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August Reports

- Previous Month Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer & NSP-not complete yet, only activity was for Zoom meeting fees. \$11000 in the bank. Motion to approve Samantha, second by Toni, Motion passed.

Acknowledged that Councilwoman Jan Michelle Lemon Kearney was in attendance

- Police-Erica reporting, the Captain was also on. Some shootings have happened that are ongoing. Two arrests have been made for some robberies in the area. Theft from autos a problem around Eden Park. They are focusing attention at Eden Park and Ashland Park. Several guns and pot recovered. Lots of drug activity and full party loud music at Gilbert and McMillan. Nassau and Kemper also was a site of gun activity, with eight shell casings found at the site. B&E at CVS, Marathon and UDF. Also at the 2300 block of St. James, lots of drug dealing and littering, and illegal parking. First Step Home noted that one of their tenants in the building that they just bought might be dealing drugs. Kathyne invited the police officers to the Safety meeting on August 27th.
- Fire-stretched very thin.

Membership – We have 65 paid members. Laura reported that there were three more new memberships from last month. Reminder to do the census.

Educational Campuses

- Schools-Jeff was reporting, school starts August 31, teachers report in school two weeks earlier. School will be online through the end of September at least. Safety plans are in place already. Masks are required in the building for ALL persons, adult or children. They will let us know how the Area Council can help. Sheena noted that they will still be providing tutoring, it will be virtual tutoring for now. Karen reported that Spencer School is on the same schedule and Frederick Douglass. No junior high athletics for the fall. Parents can pick up supplies per the schedule on the CPS website.
- Recreation-Vanessa reporting, summer was a blur, last day of summer camp is tomorrow. Bush can accommodate 24 kids to help with virtual learning. No one tested positive for covid. Next week, Bush will be closed, but will reopen on the 24th. The only senior program at Bush is delivering meals. There are no in person activities for seniors.
- Library-Ashley reporting, open for in person service with limits. Only 8 people in the building at a time. All must wear masks the entire time in the building. Summer reading program will go through the end of August. Moving forward into the fall will bring changes, looking at new ways to support the kids, meals, homework help, will still happen but with modifications. Expect to hear more. Still moving forward with the expansion with groundbreaking at the beginning of December. The Library will move to 961 McMillan during the renovation.
- Gary reported that they will be doing street murals in front of Frederick Douglass through a grant from H&R Block.



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Planning and Economic Development

- WHBA-Kathryne reporting. Nothing major this summer. Still want to put together a plan for the local businesses. Clean up date set for August, Samir will email specifics.
- Items for letter of approval
 - Poste-Samantha reporting, they are still trying to get the elevation back, but will come to P&D in September, and to vote at September membership meeting.
 - Samantha reporting, NBDU major ask is \$190,000 Kroger lot, semi-permanent home for food and cultural programming-an operator, a booth, and some programming costs.
 - NBDU minor ask is \$45,000 living mural, location at the Dixon Building, and lighting/improvements for the Five Points
- Presentation
 - DCI Kidney Dialysis Clinic-Ira Chilton presenting. He presented a graphic showing all of the additions that have been added to the original building. They are going to demolish the older part of the building, and build a new one, keeping the newer additions. There will be a large brick fence between McMillan and the parking lot, which will be on McMillan. Asking for variances for elevation, putting the parking lot in the front, the number of parking spaces and for their loading dock.
- WHRF-Gary and lots of good stuff in the old Kroger parking lot on Friday afternoons, Poste Phase II held some focus group meetings, made some changes, and will be back in September for their new plans. Still working on the final issues to have ownership of the ground under the old Kroger. The Alexandra has been in the news lately, but no new definitive happenings, and we are trying to get it into the hands of a friendly owner who will keep the units affordable. Next meeting is Aug. 25th.

Kathryn noted that all of our screens are volunteers working in the neighborhood. Gary is working with art entities, Fred is working on the Gilbert medians. We have some good historical organizations doing good stuff including a mural at the Manse. We have great nonprofits in the neighborhood. EasterSeals is doing a youth program to teach kids to be builders. First Step Home now owns 12 buildings in the neighborhood, and assisted 135 women. They have been here for 27 years. We will write them a letter of support.

- **Environment and Beautification**
- Community Gardens-Lots of vegetables being harvested now and distributed to food pantries. Betty's Little Free Flower stand is now open, and she will have perennials available for planting next week. Sue reported on Glean and Share, Gary reported out all 8 gardens and encourages everyone to come out and get some garden therapy.
- Crosswalks-Gary reporting, Fulton and Nassau noted as unsafe and he is trying to get it to be a more pedestrian friendly intersection and they want to do a mural on the crosswalk.
- COVID-19-Geoff gave covid stats. Walnut Hills has 84 cases, 21 hospitalizations, and 3 deaths. Jose from Equitas reporting on doing covid testing. He would like us to give them ideas for partnership. Their pharmacy will open in September. Tomorrow they have a group at the Kroger to do Covid testing. He reminded us that even if we are asymptomatic, we should quarantine. Testing is free. They do tests on Tuesdays and Thursday as well.

- 2020 Census & Mail In Ballot They start voting by mail on August 5. We encourage as many people as possible to vote by mail. Voter registration on Sunday at Green Man Park 6-8.

45206 Civic Engagement Opportunities

- Cincinnati Art Museum (HWT 9/3)-Museum will resume normal operating hours on the 17th, but you need a ticket to ensure that not too many people are in the building at once.
- Historical Society-Joann reporting, we all owe a huge thank you to Jena Bradley and Sue Plummer for their work founding the organization. Margar is the newest member. They are planning some virtual meetings. They are planning an outdoor walking tour regarding the history of baseball in Walnut Hills.
- VIRTUAL Planning & Development – 1st Thursday, September 3rd 6:30p
- VIRTUAL Housing Resources – 3rd Thursday, August 20th, 5:30p
- VIRTUAL Safety – 4th Thursday, August 27th, 6:30p

Old and new business

- Movie Night in Walnut Hills
 - August 22 for Green Man Park – Green Man Twist closing weekend

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