

WHAC September Meeting Minutes

Call to order

- Kathryn reporting from the Art Museum, showing the Hank Willis Thomas exhibit All Things Being Equal. Walnut Hills residents can get free tickets by emailing Carrie. Need to make reservations for a ticket. The first sculpture has been installed in the Art Climb.

August Reports

- Treasurer & NSP-reporting by Geoffrey Sutton

Service Charge	\$15.00	\$11,284.30
Youth Flower Pots project	\$1,300.00	\$11,299.30
Green Man Twist	\$200.00	\$12,599.30
Zoom Fee	\$16.04	\$12,799.30

- Motion made by Geoffrey to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Margar. Motion passes to approve Treasurer's report.
- Police
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Membership -reporting by Laura Davis. We have three new mailed in members and four new online memberships. Our tally now is 71. Don't forget to vote and take the census! We will have two votes, will put link on the chat, another link on the Facebook group for Walnut Hills and for Area Council, and will email to members.

Educational Campuses-reporting by Jeff Hall, who with Sheena, are taking the lead on food for youth during the pandemic while kids are out of school buildings. Many nonprofits, Full Circuit, La Soupe and others are involved.

- Schools-Nina reporting, students are having internet trouble. Could CPS and Cincinnati Bell partner with CRCs to help with internet for kids and homework. Good things to say about Jeff Hall. Teachers are being creative and resilient. Good attendance so far. Food packs are 90% secured for families over the weekend. Will be delivering to families who can't come get them. Food access is a real problem. Trying to keep teacher morale up. September 28th food truck will be available.
- Recreation-Vanessa Henderson reporting, enrichment program from several area schools still ongoing. Internet is sometimes a problem. Most students check in around 8:30. They give out meals on Wednesday at Douglass. Still looking for part time help with cleaning. Census people available on the 19th for those that need help.
- Library-reporting by Ashley, contributing to the food scarcity issues with boxes 3-5 each Monday with 7 meals and 7 snacks. A parent can pick up a box for each of their children. Also on Monday from 1:30-4:30 they will have census takers available to help be counted. Cincy Parks Day 10-10:30 at Ashland Park. Sign up is required. Voter registration can be done at the Library until Oct 5. Mail in Ballots also available at the library. Breaking ground still planned for December. They will be moving to the new space at 961 McMillan sometime in October while the building is renovated.

Environment and Beautification

- Esoteric Brewing-voter registrations are a few area businesses, other community resources also available periodically at Esoteric.



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- Cincy Nice-Destiny (William Thomas' sister) reporting, office is now on Gilbert, meeting in Five Points Alley, they have started programming. They are open to ideas. They are calling it the Community Courtyard. Social Media links will be coming. Find them on Facebook. Cincynice@gmail.com Picnic tables were donated by Fireside Pizza, and were painted by area artists.
- COVID-19-Geoffrey Sutton reporting stats for the neighborhood. 3 more deaths for a total of 6 in Walnut Hills. 94 cases, 21 hospitalizations, 56 have recovered. Be careful, be safe, people. Wash your hands. Wear a mask.
- 2020 Census & Election

Planning and Economic Development

Mayor was at the Esoteric opening. The City has the right of first refusal for the Alexandra, and subsidized, affordable housing in the neighborhood will be preserved. George and Margar have been working on a project together called Black Lives Matter/All Lives Matter. Coordinating an event for before the end of the month. Plan is to reserve the Old Kroger lot on a Saturday, no specific date yet while they confirm speakers, singers, etc. Trying to get African American Chamber and Esoteric brewing to assist. Working with lots of others including Channel 12 to cover the event. Reaching out to neighborhood restaurants as well. Cincinnati Ballet also interested in participating. The date has not yet been decided.

- WHBA-Did a clean up a few weeks ago. They meet the third Thursday of the month via Zoom.
- Vote for Letter of Support
 - DCI Kidney Dialysis Clinic-499 McMillan Kayla Sloan presenting. Did a five minute presentation. Requested letter of support for zoning for fewer parking spaces and change to topography for parking along McMillan. Noted that request for parking topography does not affect Form Based Code because it is outside of the business group and they are screening it with natural materials. Request passed.
- The Model Group-Jason Chamblee reporting, updates for the former Kroger property. Noted newspaper article and poor timing. Model and WHRF now owns the ground and the building. City contributed \$1,000,000 to get the property free and clear of ground lease and debt. All buildings in the article are not yet planned, and were just placeholders in the article of what might be possible. Still very much in planning stage. They are using Form Based Code and the Re-investment plan as a starting point. Dense, walkable, Mixed income is the plan. Locally owned businesses. Will go to Planning and Development meeting to begin planning. Discussed interim uses between now and 2-3 years before shovels go in the ground. Will be turning it into a parking lot and site activation. Questions will be heard at Planning and Development on October 1 at 6:30.
- Vote for Letter of Support
 - Post Phase Two-Kathryne noted that residents of Post I were a diverse group, and that they were happy with Millhaus. Jake reporting updates. Rezoning is the letter of support needed. They changed their plans based on requests from WHAC and residents. Need zoning change to go from two and a half stories to 3-4 stories. He discussed the process and consequences of their tax abatement. They held some focus groups-affordability is the biggest concern, followed by parking and a few design comments. Building 5 is now smaller with 11 parking spaces. No more white siding. Changed/lowered incomes targeted. They will clean up Hollander alley. Most comments appreciated the changes they made based on community input, especially affordability.
- WHRF-Samantha reporting, working with the city for right of redemption for the Alexandra. Art kits are available if you have ideas for street murals in front of the Frederick Douglass Elementary. Come to the gardens for outside fun.

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- Historical Society-Geoffrey reporting, putting up posters about black baseball. They are doing a virtual meeting instead of on the road meeting. Might have some punny promotions in the future.
- Full Circuit-Margar reporting, clearinghouse of resources for Walnut Hillians. They have five community impact points. Scholar House needs tutors. They are providing fresh produce for Park Eden residents. They have distributed almost 10,000 period packs. They will be distributing face masks as well. \$5,680 in donations, have spent \$4,652, with \$1,028 remaining.
- VIRTUAL Planning & Development – 1st Thursday, October 1st 6:30p
- VIRTUAL Housing Resources – 3rd Thursday, September 17th, 5:30p-Mary Cabrini reporting, the renovations are underway at Park Eden.
- VIRTUAL Safety – 4th Thursday, September 24th, 6:30p-George reporting. Alexandra residents feel safer, thanks to the police department being active with monitoring the area.

Old and new business

- **Movie Night at Ashland Park – Saturday, September 19 – dusk**-planning meeting on the 15th.
- Habitat for Humanity: Rock the Block – October 10,2020
- CBR <http://www.investinneighborhoods.org/community-benefits-request-cbr/>
- Community budget request-reach out to Kathrynne if you are interested in working on this project.

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