

Minutes

North Avondale Neighborhood Association (NANA)

May 20, 2012 3:15p.m.

Minutes For North Avondale Neighborhood Association May Annual Meeting May 20 2012 3:15 pm			
Topic/	Responsible Party	Issues/Decisions/Outcomes	Actions & Assignments
Call to Order	Diana Noyes	Welcomed Attendees and speakers	
Chronic Nuisance	Mark Manning- City Solicitor To Manage The Chronic Nuisance Ordinance	<p>Mark Manning is from Western Hills, St. X HS, Xavier U Worked for Law firm; Approached by City to do this position. Chronic Nuisance definition- criminal activity. Not here to get rid of certain housing; it is about who is being brought into the community. mark.manning@cincinnati.oh.gov 513.352.3359</p>	Charlene to put contact info to be put into back of NANA newsletter
Proposed Victory Parkway garden by Xavier U	Anne Dougherty – Xavier Sustainability Contact	<p>Urban Farm to be N. of Hayden baseball field City doesn't want farm to be visible from Vict Pkwy. Anne asked the community to rank the importance of certain ideas about what the Farm could be, e.g. types of food to be grown, partners, users etc. (by placing colored stickers on the poster boards she used to explain the possibilities.) Turf specialist will be used. Remove & trim Huckelsuckle but will not remove trees. Ursula Hassel - There are other trees that aren't healthy. Try and plant fruit trees. Focus on honeysuckle. Ursula Hassel concerned about stolen products and suggested using a fence. Findley market has a free market to give away unused produce. 1.1 acres of land. 40 acres would feed 1600. Connected with Gabriel's place. Baseball field spigot would supply water. University Paid Cincy Water Does Xavier offer any course work? K. Crutcher - Could offer broad educational opportunity for the</p>	

		<p>community - Provost is looking at it in terms of building curriculum Nexus garden 30x8ft plots, doing classwork there.</p> <p>How much money would it take? 6 years to become self sufficient 40,000 first year 20,000 every subsequent year Other universities that this could be modeled after? Butler University, Barry Myers suggests Grailville Xavier food waste is currently going to Marvin's garden</p>	
Approval of Minutes	Reg Crutcher	Approved	
Appreciation for 2011 – 2012 Board Members	Diana Noyes	<p>Provided Appreciation Forms to all NANA Executive Members and an engraved Photo Album for President Stevens; Also, thanked Charlene Morse for service to NANA</p>	
Treasurer Report	Maura Wolf	<p>Federal and State forms to retain our charitable organization status were submitted, and thus NANA remains in good standing. This means any amounts paid to NANA above the \$5.00 membership dues are considered charitable donations.</p> <p>\$8,500 in accounts; \$2000 in expected bills coming due; \$30K NBD Market Study grant award from the Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program.</p> <p>Applied for WeThrive grant; we are next in line for funds when they become available.</p> <p>Lowered irrigation expenses by 30% Lowered telephone bill expenses by 80%</p>	
Nominating Committee/New Executive Board	Diana Noyes	<p>NANA's 2012-2013 Nominating Committee comprised Maura Wolf* (Lenox), and comprised of Michelle Baxter (Clinton Springs), Beth Ewing (Winding Way), Fred Fegan (N.F. Shuttlesworth), Grace Harten (Lenox), Robin Kowalski (Rose Hill), Bryan Nelson* (Spring House), Rebecca Williamson (Clinton Springs) is pleased to announce the proposed slate of officers: 2010/2011 NANA Board of Trustees.</p>	

		<p>President:- Maura Wolf (Lenox Pl) 1st Vice President -:Diana Noyes (Clinton Springs) 2nd Vice President:- Carolyn Gillman (Red Bud)) 3rd Vice President:- Pamela Smitherman (Lenox Pl) Recording Secretary:- Sylvia Nelson (Spring House Lane) Corresponding Secretary:- Tom Wright (Lenox Pl) Treasurer:- Bryan Nelson (Spring House Lane) *Recused Motion to approve the new NANA Executive Board: Frank Newbauer moved Luther seconded All in favor; so moved</p>	
President Address	Maura Wolf	<p>Maura provided a brief President’s message- Appreciates opportunity to serve as President; Thanked all the volunteers, both long-standing and new committees members (over 20 for 5 new committees); Continue to strategically move NA forward through collaboration and partnering, both internally within NA, as well as externally. Thanked both Valerie Williams of Five Star Foodies for catering the delicious vegan dishes and cider drinks for the meeting and Eric Dustan of the New School for hosting the meeting in their beautiful Community Room.</p>	
Old Business	<p>Charlene discussed 2 zoning issues</p>	<p>Mel Nizny stated there is conflicting information about NA formation date: 1960s or 1920s. Frank Newbauer explained that 1960 was the neighborhood association formation. Maura asked if Mel would like to be on a NANA History committee; Mel kindly agreed.</p> <p>Hoop House greenhouse in Front of school needs a variance for putting an accessory structure in a front yard. Questions from Executive Board satisfactorily were answered for Insurance, Camera, Maintenance and support of neighbors.</p>	

		<p>Motion to support the varriance: Michelle Baxter moved Janet Banks seconded Motion passed</p> <p>Property at 625 Mitchell is seeking a varaince for rear yard setback requirements. Motion: to not object to the varriance by Mel Nizny Luther seconded Motion passed</p>	
Laure Quinlivan Councilmember		Discussed 4-year terms (see article in June NANA NEWS & PowerPoint on NANA Website) and other issues	
Adjournment			