

North Avondale Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

April 14, 2009

Call to Order

President Frank Newbauer called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. at The District 4 Police Center. Board members Marvin and Gerry Kraus, Nikki Kittrell, Pauline Daly, Ursula Hassel, and Fred Fegan, and Administrator Charlene Morse were present.

Motions Made

Minutes Approval

- Motion made by Ursula Hassel to approve the March 10th General Meeting 1st Mary Piper Minutes 2nd by Bob Novak.
- Unanimously passed.

Motion: Merit grant for plantings and tree trimmings

- Motion was 1st by Mary Piper and 2nd by Gerry Kraus.
- Unanimously passed.

Gerry Kraus makes Motion: NANA writes a letter to Vibrant Neighborhood Committee that they use the boundaries that the neighborhood uses in its own bylaws.

- The motion was 2nd by Nikki Kittrell.
- 8 approved
- 3 abstentions
- 0 opposed

Motion to accept the Nominating Committee for the 2009-2010 NANA Board

- The motion was 1st by Mary Piper and 2nd by Bob Novak.
- Unanimously passed.

Dana Ave Transportation Plan

- Jack Martin gave a presentation. The funding is through public works department. Will get started within the next year.
- Goal is to eliminate the S curve on Dana due to visibility problems, which is a major public safety concern. Everybody coming into intersection will be able to make a left turn.
- Widening it takes away a lot of green space but with the proposed plan more green space will be maintained.
- It involves taking five house down on Dana. Discussions with Xavier have been made. Xavier owns three of the houses.
- Victory will get wider as it approaches the intersection.

- A marked cross walk will be put in for Xavier students. If there are enough students there will also be a push button cross walk.
- They will improve the condition of the park that is at least on par with what it is now.
- The water main will need to be replaced. The road improvement project involves two water lines.
- Xavier and the Department of Transportation hasn't yet committed to this.
- Next step: Talk to real estate about purchases for funds and whether Xavier wants to participate which will reduce costs.

Community Center

- Center will be accessible sometime in May. It has been closed since March. So far, the project is on schedule and there will be a larger parking lot.
- There is an open gym at Hirsch center.
- Tai Chi is held in the Carthage center.
- Currently for spring, Flag Football will be using field in Evanston.
- Teen Camp didn't fly so instead there will be a sports camp for 9, 10, and 11 year olds.
- Swimming lessons will be expanded to 6th grade.

Police

- Officer Ross was filling in for Officer Graves at this meeting.
- There are properties boarded up and some are cited for litter.
- Monitoring situation on Burton. They are selling chips, candy, and pop as far anybody knows.
- Janitor with North Avondale Montessori was attacked by kids with rocks around noon. They broke his jaw. They will be charged with aggravated robbery.
- There has been expressed a concern regarding the safety of children who go to school at Burton. The police are keeping things safe and under control.
- Where is the presence of the walking patrol? Mayor gave money for this program. These are usually for the areas that are defined as hot spots. Money should be coming out sometime in this spring.
- PDO Police are doing overtime.
- Chronic Nuisance: Police met with property owners and should have some more information available at next meeting.
- The Police and Fire department will also give some input on the transportation project on Dana.

Merit Grant

- Invest has a \$2000 merit grant. The proposed use of this grant was to put in flowers and a sign that says, "Welcome to North Avondale" and also signs informing the community when the meetings are. It was suggested at this meeting to use some of the money to trim some trees.
- Grant must be in by May before the annual meeting.
- Motion was made (see above).

Update

- The city has a different idea of what our neighborhood boundaries are. They have not come to a conclusion.
- Gerry Kraus makes Motion (see above for details)
- NANA wants to be notified of anything that occurs within its boundaries.
- NSP Business association will get \$7000 this year.
- The Stimulus money for Streetscape didn't seem to allow any money for repairing streets.
- CDCC crime prevention use with landlord accountability. John Price says it isn't that we are losing our Business District

Great American Clean-up/ Green-up day

- Will be mulching the trees and picking up leaves and cleaning up litter down Clinton Springs and Reading Rd.

Old business

- Gerry Kraus said we were supposed to have a VOA person at the last executive meeting but it was a no show. Charlene will go above her if she doesn't hear from her. Two apartments with three mentally challenged young men are living there currently.
- There haven't been any police runs.
- The residents work according to what Mary Stikes said.

New business

- There will be a ground breaking ceremony at North Avondale School on 1pm Saturday. As soon as parking lot is done they will let us back in.
- There is a vender at Sugar and Spice that is selling socks. They must have permission and evidently this is the case.
- Annual meeting will be held at the Belvedere on May 17th from 3 to 5pm.

Adjournment

- Ursula Hassel made motion to adjourn the meeting and Robert Howes 2nd it.
- Meeting adjourned around 9:02 p.m.