

North Avondale Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

December 12, 2006

Call to Order

President Tim Yosmali called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. at The North Avondale Recreation Center. The majority of the board members were present.

Minutes Approval

- **Motion made by Deborah Elkins-Brown, seconded by Elaine Foster to approve the November General Meeting Minutes.**
- **Unanimously passed.**

Freedom Museum Presentation

Guest Speaker: **Helen Spoon** from the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Museum gave an informative speech on the epic stories of courage and cooperation by ordinary individuals, which were Enslaved, freed Blacks, Whites, Native Americans and others. What these people accomplished, individually and together changed the course of history. The true heroic stories of conductors such as Harriet Tubman, John Rankin: Eliza's Escape, John Parker and others will inspire and challenge everyone to continue to take courageous steps for freedom today.

For more information log onto www.freedomcenter.org.

City Services Report

Community Center: Julie Fatora presented her update on The North Avondale Recreation Center. New classes and new schedules will be offered in January 2007.

Police Report: District 4 presented the statistical analysis report.

A special thank you was given to the Citizens on Patrol for catering Thanksgiving Dinner for their district. Lt. Brown is in charge of all drug crimes within the community. He gave a brief update on the drug activity in the area.

Cincinnati Public School Board

Representatives Melanie Bates and Elaine Cooper discussed the recent vote about schools closing around the city. A final decision has not been made by the CPS Board, if Burton School will remain open or if it will be closed. Many residents inquired if they would be receiving money back on their taxes. Elaine Cooper, stated, "money has been given back and residents should all be seeing the payback".

Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA)

Representatives Lakesha Fusi, Community Liaison, Kelly Kramer, Director of Marketing and Charlie Murray, Director of Security gave a general power point presentation on their organization. For more information go to CMHA's web-site at

www.cintimha.com/talk2us or to report criminal activity contact CMHA Hotline at (513) 721-2642.

NANA will be collaborating with CMHA on a monthly basis for a current update to oversee all of their properties in the neighborhood.

Old Business

Old Business was discussed.

New Business

Gerry Kraus, City Liaison followed up on 780 Clinton Springs Avenue.

- Motion made by Gerry Kraus, seconded by Marilyn Smith, Quality of Life to write a letter to Rental Rehab to investigate the zoning issue on 780 Clinton Springs Avenue.

Cricket Cell Phone Store

The Cricket Store is located at 4007 Paddock Road. The owners came to the meeting to confront their issues with the Neighborhood Association, in regards to the Urban Design District. The owners were angry about getting fined from the city because of their illegal signs in the front store windows.

- **Motion made by Michelle Baxter, Recording Secretary, seconded by Gerry Kraus to table this discussion at the executive board meeting and to work together to resolve the issues with the owners outside of the meeting.**
- **Motion passed 5 to 1.**

Adjournment

- **Motion made by Michelle Baxter, Recording Secretary to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marilyn Smith, Quality of Life.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.**

Recording Secretary
Michelle Baxter