

North Avondale Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

January 12, 2010

Call to Order

President Frank Newbauer called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at The North Avondale Recreation Center. Board members Michelle Baxter, John Jones, Nikki Kittrell, Pauline Daly, Ursula Hassel, and Administrator Charlene Morse were present.

Motions Made

Minutes Approval

- Motion made by John Jones to approve the December 8th General Meeting Minutes 2nd by Charlene Morse.
- Unanimously passed.

Motion to approve NSP Categories

- The motion was 1st by John Jones and 2nd by Elsa zumBrook.
- There were 11 in favor; none against; and no abstentions.

Community Center

- A temporary free membership pass is available through February at any center.
- New Membership fee will be higher but it includes pool token.
- It will involve less paperwork but people will have to purchase a neighborhood membership to use the pool.
- Members will have to pay extra for certain programs.

Police

- There was a handout distributed on protecting your home from burglars during the winter months.
- Crime stats were given out and crime is down.
- Officer Gene Saey will be taking over for Officer Jana Cruz on chronic nuisance.
- There will be a meeting next Wednesday with district 4 for community council presidents.

City Prosecutor Assigned to District 4

- Doesn't have anything new to discuss.

Laure Quinlivan Office

- Marvin Hawkins is representing Laure Quinlivan's office. She has a background in television and uses blogs and videos as a forum for the community to discuss issues and bring them to city council's attention. Marvin is open to anything we want to highlight and bring to city council's attention.

Proposed changes to the Dana Curve

- Morgan Heilman and John Brazina gave the presentation.
- Because of lack of funding, the project has been scaled back from original plan so not all the curves along Dana can be straightened out.
- Nothing around Victory Parkway will be changed so landscaping will not be effected.
- Project will start right past were Xavier parking begins.
- There will be some medians past Harold which can be used as a refuge.
- Dana will be widened around Harold and it goes up to Montgomery.
- Nothing will be done west of Victory Parkway.
- Will have the same amount of lanes with median and left turn lanes will be added.
- The water utilities work will commence in September and roadway work will is slated to start in March of 2011.
- The road will be torn up in September
- In September, the road will be torn up and traffic will be down to one lane.
- All of the work is on Xavier property.
- Still need to decide the optimal location of the crosswalk.

NSP Project Categories

- The first one was assuming the full \$7000 of NSP funding. The second one reflects the \$5000 NANA will actually be getting from the city. The third one is the simply a correction in the insurance amount from \$250 to \$300.
- Land Development category covers zoning hearings and any printings.
- Insurance covers neighborhood events like a neighborhood cleanup.

<u>NSP PROJECT CATEGORIES</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010</u>
#1 Newsletter (capped \$)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
#2 Clean Up & Beautification	1,000.00	700.00	400.00	2400.00	1,325.00	1,300.00
#3 Land Development	500.00	500.00	650.00	600.00	200.00	175.00
#4 Environmental Affairs	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	none	0.00
#5 Law Enforcement & Safety	500.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	250.00	225.00
#6 Membership (capped \$)	450.00	450.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
#7 Senior & Youth Project	450.00	450.00	250.00	100.00	00	0.00
<u>Insurance Required by the City</u>			225.00	250.00	250.00	300.00
TOTAL	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7000.00	5,000.00	5000.00

Old Business

- There will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Cincinnati Children's Oak Campus Medical Education Resource Center Building on 620 Oak Street on the Interstate 71 Uptown Access Study.
- VOA? It is vacant now and there is no change. From the last meeting that NANA had with the VOA it was clear that they had a lot to go through to change the occupancy but the building is currently being maintained. They were going to try to change their HUD contract status in order to allow for disabled veterans. This would be very convenient since the VA hospital is close by.
- There is a truck parked on the Gershuny Property that appears to be totaled with lots of trash.

- Apartments on Asmann had a foreclosure sale a couple of weeks ago. Currently nobody knows what came of that sale.
- We haven't heard back from Sherwin Anderson. He probably didn't get the funding together. Perhaps his Star Sports plan could be realized in some other facility.

New Business

- The Visioning Meeting indicated that Beautification is a high priority for the neighborhood.
- A budget for maintaining the watering system needs to be worked out in the Beautification Committee.
- Charlene Morse was going to look into using a different sprinkler company.
- They need to be turned in to see what is working and what isn't which is hard to do in this weather.
- Need an inventory of the sprinkler system and then determine the cost. Contractors will come in and give bids.
- The problem we have had is lots of damage to the sprinkler system itself.
- We may need to change the configuration of the beds in order to prevent future damage.
- If you have a project in your neighborhood let us know.
- Currently we have a cleanup on Beechwood and Rose Hill.
- The overgrown honey suckle is a safety issue.
- Great Oaks might be another contact since they have an agricultural program.
- Money can be raised at fund raisers and it can be ear marked for specific causes or topics. It will go into the Nana account but it will be earmarked so that it is distinguished.

Adjournment

- John Jones made motion to adjourn the meeting and Michelle Baxter 2nd it.
- Meeting adjourned around 8:20 p.m.