

North Avondale Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

July 14, 2009

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 Fred Fegan, and Administrator Charlene Morse were present.

Motions Made

Minutes Approval

- Motion made by Ursula Hassel to approve the June 9th General Meeting Minutes 2nd by Curtis.
- Unanimously passed.

Motion: Accept Quality of Life Committee Structure

- The motion was made by Charlene Morse.
- John Jones 2nds the motion.
- Unanimously accepted.

Community Center

- CPS has had problems with vandalism which has amounted to \$6000 worth of damage so far.
- Hopefully a camera can be acquired.
- A wide range of healthy activities such as Tai Chi, yoga, aerobics, and karate are offered.
- The summer program is from 12 to 4pm.
- There will be a swim derby at Pleasant Ridge.

Police

- Handout was distributed on Burglary prevention.
- Homicide last Friday took place in broad daylight. Not much can be said at this time due to the investigation. The police did state that the homicide was not random.
- Burglaries usually increase in the summer.
- Take down serial numbers of electronic items in your home.
- Engrave electronic appliance with last four digits of SS so if they end up in a pond shop the items will stand out. You can get an engraver from Walmart.
- Put a small tag inside of DVD player or on a CD.
- Every person released from prison must notify people in the community.
- Chronic nuisance 3652 is an issue but how is it enforced? The Romininis made some improvements to their properties and they had no calls.
- City will have meetings with top 8 to 10 property owners in the city.
- The change in status letter resulted in property improvements and evictions.
- There is no law regarding loitering. It is not illegal to stand around on the street.

- Money was taken away for overtime for summer patrols.
- The panhandling on Mitchell and Vine may not be illegal since it depends upon the location.
- Officers are out on bikes to provide more presence.

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

- Packet was handed out that lists sex offenders in area.
- There is a tier system that ranks offenses from least to harshest.
- A sex offender must register every 90 days for the rest of their lives.
- What can I do if a sex offender lives next door to me? You can do nothing since they have a legal right to live there.
- Use common sense. Don't call 911 if you see an offender walking down street. If they are looking at children at a pool that is a different matter.
- It is important to note that sex offenders are very diverse and range from different ages and races, sexes etc.
- The only sex offenders that are not on the websites are juveniles.
- If the offender is late in registering they get a warning letter and if they fail to register after 7 days it is an instant warrant.
- How many violations results in incarcerations? If it is serious there will be a hearing.
- The Sheriff's office doesn't monitor they just want to know where they are living.
- The officers visit a sex offender's home once a month. They also talk to the neighbors. If someone violates curfew they are put on GPS.
- There used to be community notification. Cards use to be sent out but the judge decided not to send these out to be fair to the offenders. Sexual predator is no longer a title used.
- The fugitive units coordinate through sheriff's office.
- They get good info by maintaining relationships.
- They take the police with them if they are going to do an arrest.
- There are 2000 sex offenders in Hamilton County alone.
- The sheriff's department knows in real time the status of all offenders.
- Offenders can't live within 1000 ft of where children are.
- www.esorn.ag.state.oh.us
- 821-4804 Center is in Roselawn.

Sherwin's Star Sports

- Sherwin Anderson has degrees from Xavier and has a sports background.
- He has been running program for 10 years now. His goal is to teach kids the fundamentals of sports and help kids be successful in life.
- Activities that his program offers includes basketball, dance studio, and other arts oriented activities.
- His background is from Brooklyn, New York.
- The kids in his program come from different neighborhoods.
- He would like his program to work with the police give and offer them some mentoring.
- His vision would be to have a culinary school, arts, and culture programs, work with the SCPA dance studio, have a music room, and the teachers on site.
- There will be a scholarship program with a bio-form that is sent to schools in the area.

- He trains out of the old Woodward Facility and travels to Williamsburg.
- Some of the funding comes from his personal training business.
- Transportation will be a combination of buses on Reading Rd and parents.
- People from Xavier may come in to help with mentoring.
- The facility will be open Monday through Sunday from 9am to 12:00am. There is a curfew for kids and the later hours are for adults. There will be no teen dances.
- He has private donors.
- Armory is in Paddock Hills so he needs to bring Paddock hills onboard.
- He is also considering partnering with Avon Hills golf course. They are doing a golf outing.
- Council member Cecil Thomas backs Mr. Sherwin's program.
- Academics will also be emphasized and there will be a computer lab. Mentors from Xavier Students as well as anyone in the community will be of great benefit.

NANA Committees

- There were no changes in committee structure from last year with the exception of city liaison and legal chair.
- But Charlene will fulfill the liaison position.
- Quality of life committee needs a point person and the committee itself can be divided up into different areas.
- Some of these areas might focus on safety, code violations, etc.
- Funding just has been restored to the Program a couple of weeks ago through the health department.
- Now with the Rental Housing Registration Program, you will be able to get a telephone number.
- Have had success with CMHA landlords.

National Night Out

- When the problem properties are involved in the neighborhood they tend to make improvements. So we want to National Night Out to be a opportunity for people to feel more connected with their community.
- Citizens on Patrol be present.

Old Business

- Litter Patrol promised to cut the grass of the Gershuni Property.
- The Gershuni Property is currently in bankruptcy.

New Business

- Buy camera for Julie to help stop robberies that have occurred mainly on the weekends.
- Police department might be able to supply the camera using some of the stimulus package money.
- Provide emails to get NANA news. NANA won't receive the NSP in 2010. Instead NANA might mail one or two newsletters a year. The one newsletter is a good PR tool.

Adjournment

- Frank Newbauer made motion to adjourn the meeting and John Jones 2nd it.
- Meeting adjourned around 9:06 p.m.