

**The North Avondale Neighborhood Association**  
**General Meeting**  
**March 8, 2011**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Stevens at the North Avondale Recreation Center at 7:05p.m. There were 13 members present.

**Approval of Minutes**

The January 2011 minutes were approved by the general members and board in attendance. Being there were no additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes were filed.

**City Service Report**

Police Report:

Neighborhood Officer Ross and Sergeant Thompson presented a handout for the crime statistics for March 2011.

Dina Hanks, Director of the North Avondale Recreation Center has been invited to have coffee with City Manager, Milton Dohoney. If NANA has any community concerns or issues, please contact her at the office. She would discuss any approved issues during the meeting with the City Manager.

If anyone is interested in contributing a donation or to learn more information about this program go to [www.cintrec.org](http://www.cintrec.org). Click on **SAVE OUR CITY POOLS FOUNDATION**. The deadline for all donations is April 15, 2011.

Spring Break child care and new summer camp programs will be offered at an affordable low cost and flexible times at the North Avondale Recreation Center. Please contact Dina at (513) 961-1584 for more information.

New grass seed has been planted in the soccer field to beautify the area and to enhance the area. The Recreation Center has requested all residents to **STAY OFF** the grass until it comes in.

**Electronic Changeable Sign Proposal**

President Stevens, Michelle Baxter and others in attendance discussed and related opinions and reasons for not supporting North Avondale Montessori School (NAM) installing an electronic moving and illuminated computer type sign on NAM property. Those present at the North Avondale Neighborhood Association General Meeting gave careful consideration to all aspects of the request that had been made at the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the NANA Executive Board Meeting by Principal of NAB, Roger Lewis. The request is in violation of the Cincinnati Zoning Code. Many residents along Clinton Springs and throughout the community feel that such a sign would detract from the

character and atmosphere that the community desires and has upheld and protected for over 30 years.

- **MOTION made by Michelle Baxter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane Banks and Rosalyn Fultz for NANA'S formal position to oppose the electronic sign to be put on NAM or CPS property.**
- **Motion passed unanimously.**
  
- **Motion made by Michelle Baxter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosalyn Fultz to write a letter to Principal Lewis in good faith to politely ask what his next steps would be about the sign. Residents suggested they liked the look of the CPS Kilgour School sign, which did not violate the zoning code. Could the money be used to erect a new sign that was allowed under the zoning code for SF-10 residential dwelling?**
  
- **Unanimously passed.**

## **New Business**

Ursula Hassel, Chair of the Beautification Committee has purchased 7 rose bushes to be planted in the triangle at Dana/Victory Parkway Gardens.

- **President Stevens is to write a letter to the City Liter Department to discuss problems with 4087 Victory Parkway. He will also try to make contact with the owner of the property. Residents have complained about inadequate physical conditions of the building concerning lots of trash in the front of the building, windows broken and bored up.**
  
- Yvette Simpson resident of West End is running for City Council. The top priority in her campaign is Business Development. She needs 500 signed signatures to have her name added to the ballot in November. She has 52 Neighborhoods to visit.

An informative presentation was given by **Recycle Bank**, which is based out of New York City of the new recycle system. Recycle Bank has partnered with the City of Cincinnati for recycle credits. **Recycle credits can be obtained via the phone or internet.** President Stevens and Michelle Baxter requested Christian to send the video to Nana's administrator, so it could be put onto the website.

**For more information about how to redeem Recycle Credits from the Recycle Bank, please go to [www.northavondalecincinnati.com](http://www.northavondalecincinnati.com) to watch the video.**

- Volunteers of America are interested in building a 50 unit facility in South Avondale for Disabled Veterans. NANA will invite the Director of the VOA to attend a General Meeting for residents to learn more about their programs and stats for the desired new facility they want to build in South Avondale.

There was a long discussion about the integrity of the VOA. A few residents felt the desired location was a bad place to build, because it was across the street from a major hot spot / high crime area. This area is filled with drugs, guns, prostitution and violence. Some residents felt it was not an atmosphere to rehabilitate individuals that had drug and alcohol addictions.

## Old Business

A NANA member has requested a full update from District 4 Police Investigation Unit about what is being done about Copper thieves operating in the community.

- **Charlene Morse, administrator/Editor is to write a letter to Detective Kim Marino and temporary Neighborhood Officer Ross at District 4 for more information. Ms. Morse is to follow up and report back to the concerned resident and Executive Board of the Police findings and comments on this issue.**
- Two complaints were made about receiving their NANA News Letter late. These residents expressed that this was an every month problem that had been occurring for quite awhile. A request was made that the NANA News Letter be sent out at least 1-2 weeks earlier, so residents had more time to be informed about upcoming events and neighborhood issues.
- President Stevens stated that the administrator was not present to answer questions about why the Newsletter was late. This issue is to be discussed at the next general meeting.
- An Auction was held for the Gershuny Property located at 3916 Reading Road at the end of February for being delinquent on back taxes. No one placed a bid on the property. President Stevens stated the next auction date would be March 10<sup>th</sup>. If the property did not sell it would go on the States Foreclosure list to hopefully be obtained by the City of Cincinnati.

## Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00p.m.

*Minutes Recorded by Michelle Baxter*

