

# The North Avondale Neighborhood Association

General Meeting  
November 14, 2006

## **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by President Tim Yosmali at 7:50 p.m. at the North Avondale Recreation Center. Not all members were present.

## **Minutes Approval**

The approval of the minutes for the September 12, meeting were approved.

## **City Services Report/Community Center**

Julie Fatora from the North Avondale Recreation Center discussed "No Child Left Inside" program. Children are spending too much time in doors on computers and watching television. The result is obesity and attention deficit disorder. Rec. center is collaborating with N. Avondale schools. First event was fall fest which was attended by 700 children. She wants children to learn chess and play in citywide tournaments.

She also pointed out that new city manager is cutting 13 pools and 2 community centers in Camp Washington and Carthage. Public meeting to discuss these changes is being held on November 16, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 344 at Cincinnati State. It is located at 3520 Central Parkway. It is open forum. City manager plans to cut all city budgets by 25%, except for fire and police.

Fatora is trying to get the teens off the streets and into the Rec. center. They are planning a pizza party this Friday, November 17. They are also trying to be consistent in keeping the gym open for the teens. This has not been the case in the past. It is hope to build up teen participation.

Police officers didn't speak long. There was a shooting in Norwood in progress. There was a shooting at 3654 Reading Road. Shooter is still at large. We were given his picture and description of the person. (Copy enclosed). Marvin asked police to supply the name of the person shot so that we can follow up on "Court Watch". Police promised to comply.

## **NSP Funding**

Charlene explained the budget proposal for 2007. Budget was approved unanimously.

## **Cease Fire Cincinnati**

Staged walks against violence will take place November 15 at 5:00. They will begin from 3 locations, Dana & Reading, Paddock and Reading and Clinton Springs and

**Reading Road. Cease Fire Cincinnati** is trying to respond to each shooting because each shooting is an atrocity.

### **Court Watch**

Marvin reported that on Monday November 27 at 9:00 a.m. in Judge Reulman's (sp) court room; room 300, the accused will be tried for hold up after Bates memorial. He wants everyone to show up.

### **Citizens on Patrol**

New classes are starting soon. For more information call 352-3533. Three people walk together. So many people are involved in the program that the time commitment may well be only once a month.

### **Landlord Criminal Accountability**

Michelle Baxter and Amy Yosmali met with CMHA. CMHA is trying to establish a meeting with the landlords on "high call for service" properties. CMHA is hiring a full time person to self police buildings with high calls for service. Nuisance ordinance was passed by City Council and will help our cause in putting responsibility of landlords. Look forward to more help with this issue in the future. The nuisance ordinance is going to put additional pressure on CMHA.

### **C-POP**

Time reports meeting will be held at District 4 at 6:00 p.m. on December 7.

### **Burton School**

Pauline Daly, Charlene & Marvin Kraus as well as Avondale Board members and parents from Burton School met with Rosa Blackwell. Blackwell says she is closing schools that are not near large groups of children with no regard to the school's performance. Her excuse for not keeping Burton is that plans are already under way for construction of the new school in S. Avondale. Charlene proposed that the site be used as an indoor sports facility since Bengal's and Reds have contributed to the construction. Charlene is trying to locate the architect so we can keep Burton and change the construction plans. Blackwell is meeting with the Board of Education this Friday November 17 at 4:00. Charlene is going and encouraging community to attend as well.

North Avondale Middle School is being renovated or replaced. Marvin opposed to the school being torn down because it is a unique structure. It is one of the first poured concrete buildings in the United States. It is historically important building. There are 10 classes that are being held in annexes. We want to have the school added to, not torn down.

Blackwell says she wants every neighborhood to have a neighborhood school. Our neighborhood, in her mind will be S. Avondale. Marvin proposed that a letter be written to the Blackwell and the Board indicating that we do not consider a school in S. Avondale to be in our community. We want to retain a true neighborhood

**school. This means that we specially want our school retained in North Avondale, namely Burton. We further request that the board not decrease the student in the North Avondale Montessori school at all. This motion was passed.**

**Second letter was passed to be sent to Board of Education requesting that they not make any decisions on N. Avondale Montessori at all without first having the input form North Avondale Neighborhood Association. We want to be recognized and informed before N. Avondale School is altered in any way at all.**

### **Luminaries**

**Phil Bates memorial luminary event is scheduled for Sunday December 3.**

**Grace Hill and Michelle Baxter are spearheading luminaries. NANA wants generic signs that can be used in the coming years announcing the date of the luminary event. The signs are \$9.00 each and the proposed number of signs is 25. The signs will say "Sunday 6:00 to 9:00 Luminary Stroll". Michelle Baxter is out of the country. We want to be fronted the money now for the signs because we've spent all of the money in the budget for this particular project. The proceeds have already been sent to the Bates Fund. It was proposed that we move money from general fund and replace the money for signs from the 2007 luminary fund in the fall. This proposal was passed.**

**Gerry Kraus announced that on Sunday December 3, from 2006 to 9:00, hot chocolate, coffee and hot cider will be available to all luminary strollers.**

- Motion made by John Jones to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ursula Hassel.**
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

**Recording Secretary,**

**Michelle Baxter**

**Minutes recorded by Elaine Foster, Corresponding Secretary.**