

North Avondale Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

October 14, 2008

Call to Order

President Frank Newbauer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at The North Avondale Recreation Center. Board members Pauline Daly, John Jones, Charlene Morse, Michelle Baxter, Tim and Amy Yosmali, Gerry and Marvin Kraus, and Nikki Kittrell were present.

Motions Made

Minutes Approval

- Motion made by Michelle Baxter to approve the September 9th General Meeting Minutes 2nd by Frank Newbauer.
- Unanimously passed.

Issue 8 – Proportional Representation (PR) (Bobby Stern)

- PR reflects different points of view in populace based on total vote.
- Protects minority group interests.

Community Center

- Teen ‘Til
- Thurs. & Fri. haunted house from 7-9 PM \$2.00 (not recommended for children under ten)
- Disney on Ice \$7.00 off coupon
- All day camp
- Basket Ball Signups
- School teardown in March, will need a new NANA meeting place.
- Bake Sale on Election Day at Polling Place.

Police

- Why are total part two crimes 217 but arrests for part two crimes 478? This is because the total crimes listed are actually only the total reported crimes.
- Home Safety Tips (refer to handout from meeting; contact Officer Paul Graves for more info.)
 - Start and maintain as accurate household inventory of your possessions. Photographs are an excellent way of recording your property. Keep inventory in a safe place.
 - Have adequate exterior lighting.
 - Don't put up a name plate outside of your house with your full name. A burglar can use this information to look up your number in the phone book and call to see if you are home.
 - Leave your house with a lived-in look. Use automatic timers to turn on lights and radios.

Cincinnati Parks Board (Olivia Genet)

- Magic Forest Hike at the Caldwell Nature Preserve for 3-10 yrs old on the 24th & 25th of October, \$4 per person call: 321-6070
- Some Parks Closed due to wind storm damage.
- Trails still closed (Avon woods) because tree crew hasn't been able to get to park yet.

Cincinnati Fire Department

- 300 EMSs
- 150 fires & miscellaneous
- 700 runs during September 14th Storm
- Fire Department deserves a round of applause for checking on people and delivering ice after the September 14th storm.

Artworks

- Submit a request of where the murals out to would go.

Landlord Accountability

- Hearing today regarding proposed amendment to ordinance 761, which removes some civil penalties and misdemeanor penalties.
- NANA members talked about enforcement of ordinance as being crucial.
- Ideally part of enforcement should involve getting rid of problem tenants, not fining of landlords.
- Revision of 761 was a result of a court case (mitigating lawsuit). NANA wasn't informed regarding this situation.
- NANA should get suggestions in writing and plug into city solicitor's office.
- Our problem is not absentee landlords since many do live here.
- Communication is most effective if directed to Laketa Cole instead of city solicitors' office.

Illegal Renting

- It is illegal to rent rooms in sf-10 area.
- If you know this is going on then bring it up at meeting.

Cell Tower Update

- Hearing examiner appealed height restriction since tower height must comply with zoning.
- Next hearing will be held on Oct 20 at 9AM.
- Duke wanted a variance but it must instead get zoning changed but they don't want to go through that avenue.
- One possible difficulty Duke may be having is that there may not be an adequate track record of safety regarding new technology used in this cell tower design.

Regional Neighborhood Network Conference

- Michelle there two weeks ago.
- Conference addressed crime initiatives.
- NANA presented multilaterally along with Bond Hill and Xavier with Dr. Wong.

- Ordinance change was topic of discussion.
- Many people from small towns attended the conference. Some of these small towns have problems with crime & disorder because they don't have a lot of money to work with or the more sophisticated tactics that larger cities have.

Empty & Neglected Properties and Quality of Life

- Looking for people to volunteer. More people will make data collection of empty and neglected properties easier.
- Contact Charlene Morse or Frank Newbauer.
- Generally people notice properties that are in disrepair while they are out for a walk.
- Get address of properties.
- City is getting \$8.3 million to focus on their properties. Ask Marvin Kraus for details.
- Truelia link on North Avondale website will list N. Avondale properties separately from all of Avondale.

Project based/ Section 8 low income housing

- Our community is over saturated with these types of properties.
- Currently there are 989 units in N. Avondale.
- Only 520 from Avondale, which is a reduction from last year.
- 502 HUD based units + 220 HCV + 267 CIPH = Total 989 units (data from HUD website)
- Look at numbers and demographics in other neighborhoods such as Walnut Hills 847 units and Westwood 138 units
- Analyze distribution of these units in N. Avondale.
- Construction activity in Avondale has caused a ripple effect in N. Avondale.
- The bottom line is that a high percentage of crime originates from these units.

Old Business

- Vibrant Neighborhoods funded street combing for West Park for years, but has stopped funding it.

New Business

- None

Adjournment

- John Jones made motion to adjourn the meeting and Amy Yosmali 2nd it.
- Meeting adjourned around 8:43 p.m.