

# North Avondale Neighborhood Association

General Meeting  
September 9, 2008

## Call to Order

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Michelle Baxter called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. at The North Avondale Recreation Center. Board members Ursula Hassel, Pauline Daly, John Jones, Curtis Arthur and Nikki Kittrell were present.

## Motions Made

### Minutes Approval

- Motion made by Michelle Baxter to approve the July 8 General Meeting Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Yosmali.
- Unanimously passed.

## Community Center

- Teens 'Til Ten will be on Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-10pm at the North Avondale Recreation Center.
- Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs Program will be on Sat. October 4<sup>th</sup> at Miami White Water Forest.
- Girls Night Out for 9 to 15 year olds meets every Monday. Lots of fun activities are planned!
- There will be a college fair for older teens.
- What effect will the school renovations have on polling location?
- NANA news will have a notice on where the polling will be held.

## Police Report

- 400 runs per month
- 15 fires have occurred in the past month.
- Fifty smoke detectors were handed out.
- Dorm students at Xavier will be instructed on fire safety.
- Community Cleanup in Evanston
- Open House at firehouse
- Hit high profile areas (rentals etc.)
- Carbon monoxide detectors are no longer being given out since Radio Shack stopped giving them out as it was too costly.

## Officer Graves Police

- All present at meeting were asked to complete a Neighborhood Opinion Survey evaluating effectiveness of communication between Cincinnati Police Department and community members.
- Arrests for pt. 1 crimes are up 133% in August and 159% in July from last year.
- Value of 3716 Beatrice Ave. is only appraised at \$98,000.
- Weeds are four feet high in area owned by school which is a public safety concern.
- Keep Cincinnati Beautiful needs to clean up weeds in area around Dana triangle.
- Victory Parkway plantings ought to be extended for safety reasons as well as aesthetic.

- Captain Elliot Isaacs said the officers were thankful for the Appreciation Dinner
- Burglary Post-mortem:
  1. Items on display that can be seen from window tempt burglaries.
  2. Homes often have unlocked doors and windows.
  3. Professional burglars don't switch their style for example, if they are accustomed to operating in the afternoon they won't suddenly switch to evening.
- The Burglar was working alone and this individual is still currently being processed by the court.
- Michelle Baxter noticed some activity (lights being turned on and off) in a vacant house on Red Bud.

## **Litter Control Officer (Yvonne Bray)**

- Grass needs to be cut in vacant lots.
- Citations have been written for violations on Beatrice Ave and the school.
- Rental property (absentee and foreclosures) are not maintained
- Department of Public Services can come out and clean up litter and trash.
- Call 564-1774 to report tall weeds, garbage, and litter issues.
- Call 564-1780 to report inoperable or junk cars on private property.
- Call 352-2908 to report mold issues or bed bug concerns.

## **Habitat for Humanity a Good fit for our Neighborhood?**

- Currently no proposal exists for North Avondale.
- There are only three foreclosures out of 150 HH homes.

## **Updates**

- Regarding the communication tower the zoning may need to be changed due to tower height. Even though the height exceeds what the zoning requires the new cell tower design may allow for an exception to the zoning law on the books.
- NANA news has been arriving earlier when it is sent out on Tuesday.
- People are not happy about VOA fence. One of the conditions was that the fence should cover three sides.
- Zoning issues with the overflow of a Bed and Breakfast renting out rooms in a house in a SF-10 area.
- Anyone interested in aiding the Empty and Neglected properties Committee may do so by reporting data regarding properties on their own street.
- Filming for Desperate Landscapes at 3954 Glen Cross (Amy Yosmali's house) might be interested in participating in the film.
- Regional Neighborhood Network Conference is coming up.

## **Adjournment**

- Michelle Baxter made motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Meeting adjourned around 8:55 p.m.