

# North Avondale Neighborhood Association

## General Meeting

May 16, 2010

### Call to Order

Michelle Baxter called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m. at the Quaker house. Board members John Jones, Nikki Kittrell, Ursula Hassel, Fred Fegan, and administrator Charlene Morse were present.

### Motions Made

#### To Accept 2010-2011 NANA Board

- Motion made by Ursula Hassel to accept board and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Baxter.
- Unanimously passed.

### Guest Speaker: City Manager Milton Dohoney

- The city manager's job is to look at city in 20 yrs. Not as it is now. He must be cautious but want advance.
- Due to the recession and its impact on the city it is clear that Cincinnati needs to expand its economic pie.
- This year the city of Cincinnati will demolish 150 structures such as condemned properties. In comparison, Detroit will demolish 3,000 structures.
- There will be 300 plus new affordable fare market housing in the upcoming years.
- P&G announced that they will consolidate here which means new jobs.
- The Banks project is a large step. Phase 1 opens a year from now.
- Casino will be in Broadway Commons with a 500,000 sq ft footprint. It will be open 24/7 and will provide revenues in taxes, and will employ 3,000 people in 2012 with free parking.
- Street car will stimulate development and 3C line passenger rail is coming. Since we are in a recession some may ask whether it would be advisable to postpone these systems. This move would be a huge mistake because if you don't have rail you are out of the loop since federal money is used to expand pre-existing lines that we commit to now.
- A Water District would be beneficial to the city in many ways. Eventually, the old city water pipes will have to be replaced and the cost per household cost will be high with Waterworks current customer base since it cannot be expanded. But with a Water District, customer base can be expanded and this system will also allow for a revenue stream of \$14 to 18 million for 75 yrs. Currently with Waterworks, the city doesn't receive any revenue.
- With regards to Delta, the more they cut back on flights the fewer companies will want to situate their business in Cincinnati. Cincinnati needs a low cost carrier.

- Crime statistically improved over last few years. However, since the new jail wasn't built a different tactic has been employed. Started rounding people up in Price Hill but the case must be federal for them to do time. This involves 50 people and is multi-jurisdictional. Not much can be said at this time since we cannot compromise the investigation. So this is why it appears that not much is happening. Most of the city's chronic or professional criminals live elsewhere from where they commit their crimes.
- Coming Attractions are the World Choir Games which will involve people from 35 countries. Seven different venues will be used for performances and the headquarters will be at SCPA. The World Choir Games will be here for 9 days and there will be 200,000 visitors. Lulac convention also – different method for policing crime with a permanent presence on water front. Taste of Cincinnati and Oktoberfest will be held in Park rather than downtown in the future.

## **Awards for 2009/2010 NANA Board**

- John Jones for Neighborhood Issues
- Ursula Hassel for Beautification
- Tim and Amy Yosmali for Master Plan
- Nikki Kittrell as Recording Secretary
- Fred Fegan as Treasurer

## **NANA's 2010-2011 Nominating Committee comprised of John Jones, Fred Fegan, Judith Titchner, Barry Myers, and Linda Matthews announced the proposed slate of officers:**

- President: Bill Stevens of Red Bud
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Nikki Kittrell of S Fred Shuttlesworth Cr
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Fred Fegan of N Fred Shuttlesworth Cr
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:
- Recording Secretary: Linda Mathews of Eaton Lane
- Corresponding Secretary: Barry Myers of Leyman
- Treasurer: Maura Wolf of Lenox Pl.

## **Old Business**

- President Bill Stevens thanks Milton Dohoney for an informative presentation.

## **New Business**

- President Bill Stevens expresses thanks for the use of the Quaker House.

## **Adjournment**

- Michelle Baxter made motion to adjourn the meeting and John Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> it.
- Meeting adjourned around 4:53 p.m.