

# North Avondale Neighborhood Association

## General Meeting

November 10, 2009

### Call to Order

President Frank Newbauer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at The North Avondale Recreation Center. Board members Michelle Baxter, John Jones, Nikki Kittrell, Pauline Daly, Ursula Hassel, Curtis Arthur, and Fred Fegan, and Administrator Charlene Morse were present.

### Motions Made

#### Minutes Approval

- Motion made by John Jones to approve the October 13<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patricia Hassel.
- Unanimously passed.

### Community Center

- There will be a mini camp the day before Thanksgiving as long as there are enough kids.
- Basketball season has started and registration is available for the instructional league as well as more competitive leagues.
- Tai Chi class has been canceled mainly due to seniors not wanting to drive at night.
- Free yoga is available.

### Police

- A person on the second floor of 3634 Reading Rd. got evicted for selling drugs. People were coming and going due to the drug activity. His girlfriend got evicted too.
- 722 Goshen Ave, which was on the news last year for not having heat and tenants resorted to using their stoves instead, now the foundation is structurally unsound as it is giving away causing the building to slide. Currently there are three families but there use to be 25 families. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor there is a lady with 5 kids and pregnant with 6<sup>th</sup>. There building is roach and bug infested. A social worker was able to convince the woman and her children to go to a shelter. Currently there are no plans for the building and most likely it will be demolished. The building has been a haven for criminal activity due to its condition. Three people have been removed for selling drugs. The grass by the windows had been worn out from drug transactions taking place there.
- People need to protect themselves during holiday shopping especially when they are alone. Just recently in district 4, an individual was robbed at gunpoint. She didn't close her garage door when she saw men walk up to her. Try to always be vigilant and have a plan. Currently unemployment is high so people are desperate. If your body is telling you that something is wrong then do something about it. If you see something going on in your neighborhood then inform the police in order to give them an opportunity to check out the situation.

- Don't open your door to a suspicious person instead talk through the door. Lately, a woman named Cora has been going door to door asking for things. She has mental problems so don't give her money because she will come back. You might be set up if there is a woman that comes to door so don't think it is safer if the person at your door is female.

## City Prosecutor Assigned to District 4

- No show

## Reevaluating the budget & Setting Priorities

- **What did NANA do in the last five years that was of benefit to the community?** The community mentioned the following things NANA has done. NANA helped organize events like the luminary and a block party. The proceeds of the luminary went to purchasing playground equipment for Martin Luther King Park. NANA worked with the police to successfully capture a robber the targeted houses throughout North Avondale and other neighboring communities. As an expression of thanks, NANA put on a banquet to honor those involved in catching the robber. NANA also maintains the flower beds, which involves volunteer gardeners, maintaining a sprinkler system, purchasing flowers, mulch, and cleanup. Charlene spends a lot of her time working with landlords and as a result managed to diffuse some problematic situations. Most of NANA's budget goes to Newsletter. Block Party
- **What does NANA spend its money on?** The largest part of NANA's budget goes to the Newsletter. Other things that have come out of NANA's budget are purchasing Cookie trays to show goes appreciation, Great American Cleanup, and Citizens on Patrol.
- When Charlene was asked what has NANA done she mentioned zoning, chronic nuisance, newsletter, and NANA's instrumental role in starting recycling and streetscape.
- The community input indicated that things wouldn't get done is NANA didn't exist. They also stated that NANA's priorities should be safety, beautification, and fund raising. Also, it was suggested that social oriented activities like block parties and luminary not be NANA's responsibility but NANA can be used to spread the information about such activities throughout the community. However, NANA is essential when it comes to safety issues. It was added that beautification is part of safety.
- It was also agree that point people are essential to getting projects done. One new project will be putting in a new garden by Clinton Springs and we will need to know what to do with the wall.
- Everyone in the community is encouraged to submit specific project ideas for 2010.

## Old Business

- none

## New Business

- none

## Adjournment

- John Jones made motion to adjourn the meeting and Nikki Kittrell 2<sup>nd</sup> it.
- Meeting adjourned around 8:35 p.m.