

North Avondale Neighborhood Association

General Meeting

September 08, 2009

Call to Order

President Frank Newbauer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at The North Avondale Recreation Center. Board members Michelle Baxter, Nikki Kittrell, John Jones, Pauline Daly, Curtis Arthur, and Fred Fegan and Administrator Charlene Morse were present.

Motions Made

Minutes Approval

- Motion made by Michelle Baxter to approve the July 14th General Meeting Minutes 2nd by John Jones.
- Unanimously passed.

Community Center

- Cincinnati recreation has had a lot of cut backs especially for part time staff.
- North Avondale recreation has fared a little better due to there being fewer part time workers.
- There will most likely be \$1.6 million dollars in cuts slated for next year.
- Despite the cuts, Saturday aerobics and a new basketball skills class are offered.
- The center will be closing early Friday nights but many teens don't come during these hours in the fall anyway due to school activities.

Police

- Reported crimes are slightly up.
- Now there is a guarantee that there will be no layoffs in the police department for next year, however currently there is a voting process that will either result in furlows or concessions.
- There are several foreclosed buildings in receivership and they have graffiti on them. Specifically 3634, 3636, and 3638 Reading Rd., which are by the Hirsch Center. There have been no calls to services.
- A call was put in to the graffiti department and they will try to remove it in a week and half.
- Unfortunately, graffiti, overgrown lawns, and garbage are common problems with abandoned or foreclosed properties often owned by some bank out in California.
- Liability comes into play when it comes to community members taking it upon themselves to remedy an abandoned or foreclosed property. A community member may pick up trash in public areas but not on private property.

- There was an informational handout on Citizen Observer, which is a program that keeps residents aware of ongoing and unsolved criminal events in neighborhoods throughout Cincinnati. If you sign up you can receive alerts through email and cell.
- As a follow up to the homicide that took place in July on the corner of Reading and S Fred Shuttlesworth Cir., there is a person of interest but no official arrest yet.
- Volunteerism is becoming more important as the city budget gets increasingly tighter.

City Prosecutor Assigned to District 4

- Mr. Tom Beridon with the solicitor's office is the community prosecutor for district 4. He will deal with chronic nuisance violations and misdemeanor crimes.
- The community prosecutor works with the police and the community addressing concerns over chronic nuisance and vacant building violations. The community prosecutor makes sure properties are under compliance.
- Out of town property owners must have a local receivership.
- If landlords need help removing tenants a municipal prosecutor can help facilitate the eviction process.
- Mr. Beridon will also be working with the district 3 captain and his number will be added to the NANA website.
- In regards to chronic nuisance, he will go over crime stats with the officer on 3652 Reading Rd. and will connect with rental housing.
- The registration fee is per property meaning it is attached to the property.

Old Business

- The next executive meeting will be with the VOA.

New Business

- At the next meeting we will not have a candidate night because there will be one at Xavier on September 30th and is being hosted by Invest in Neighborhoods. But we are soliciting presentations regarding ballot issues.
- Please be sure that NANA has your email so that you may continue to receive the NANA Newsletter. Due to the budget, NANA can no longer afford to mail the newsletter every month.
- Bill Hattfeld asked about NANA getting its NSP funds. NANA has to get a special waiver in order to be reimbursed.

Adjournment

- Frank Newbauer made motion to adjourn the meeting and Nikki Kittrell 2nd it.
- Meeting adjourned around 8:00 p.m.