

Meeting Minutes

North Avondale Neighborhood Association (NANA)

Date and Time: September 11, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Time	Topic/	Responsible Party	Issues/Decisions/Outcomes	Actions & Assignments
1Min	Call to Order	Maura	Welcome new Board Members, new NANA members, and Partners.	
2 Min	Approval of Minutes from July's meeting	Sylvia	Minutes were approved. A request was made to send out minutes prior to meeting to allow residents time to review. Charlene suggested posting the minutes on the Website. Sylvia Nelson, NANA Recording Secretary, will forward minutes as early as possible.	Draft Minutes will be posted on the North Avondale Website before the next General Meeting.
15Min	City Services Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police • NA Recreation Center 	Alex Hasse Tim Heyl	<p>Neighborhood Police Officer Liaison Alex Hasse provided police report for the community. Key highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime is down in North Avondale by 30%. Arrests have been made, bringing the crime rate down. • Conducted pink card on cars for in the 600 block of Clinton Springs, card left on car indicating pass or fail (items left in sight). • A resident requested investigation into potential prostitution at the corner of Reading and Clinton Springs. Residents re-iterated complaints on South Fred Shuttlesworth and on Chalfonte. • Resident asked about degree of police surveillance. Officer Hasse replied they do canvass the neighborhoods, and they try to be predictably unpredictable; also stated NA is a relatively low crime area, but sometimes we have "code zero" which means no police are available to respond. <p>Tim Heyl gave an update on the Recreation Center.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls on the Run program began this week. Any interested girls between 8-11 can sign up. • Noted unused space at the Rec Center and soliciting volunteers to conduct affordable classes. • Would like the center to become more of a community center. 	<p>Officer Hasse reminded residents to keep valuables out of site to prevent theft. Put your "Junk in your Trunk."</p> <p>If you suspect criminal activity, please document the description of suspected perpetrator, head to toe (shoes, etc.), time of day, behavior etc. Call 765-1212 to report details and email officer Hasse. Police are restricted if they don't have a name, so please provide your name, which will not become public record. If emergency, call 911. Officer Hasse will follow up on southern border and Reading Road areas.</p>
5 Min	Beautification - special projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington/Clinton 	Ursula	There will be two beautification projects; we will need volunteers from the community. Ursula expressed	If you can help, please contact bethaewing@gmail.com .

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	<p>Springs Autumn Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall thinning of the park lilies- possible date 10/6 Thank you to all of our gardeners! Dana tri, Marion, Seasingood look great! 		<p>appreciation for all of the volunteer's work, including Jan Banks who consistently volunteers for special projects and to Roger Jackson, Adopt-a-plot gardener, at Dana Triangle.</p> <p>9/29 Xavier's Community Action Day- may possibly complete Clinton Springs/Washington clearing project.</p> <p>10/06 Seasingood thin the lilies day.</p>	
5 Min	<p>Membership: special social evts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NANA/NABA- "Celebrate Fall Party in the Park" at Seasingood (DTBD). To showcase businesses, arts and crafts. Reviewing membership database and website for upgrades (Quick Books OL) 	Carolyn	<p>NABA working group formed for business, art and crafts neighborhood event. We may need to postpone event till spring.</p> <p>Participant noted a permit would be needed.</p>	<p>If you are interested in participating in fall event, or if you would like to join the committee, please send an email to Carolyn Gillman @ cgillmanwhhs@gmail.com by Sep 20th.</p> <p>Charlene and Carolyn to follow up on park permit for the event.</p>
5 Min	<p>Finance – purchase General Liability/D&O Ins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtaining quotes from Alliance of Nonprofits Insurance (ANI), need for events, volunteers 	Maura	<p>Beginning this year, effective mid- September, the City no longer is purchasing General Liability Insurance for each of the neighborhood councils on a group basis. Therefore, NANA needs to purchase General Liability Insurance. NSP funds may be used for ins.; additionally, City plans to reimburse for General Liability Ins. NANA previously approved purchase of Director's and Officer's (D&O) Ins.</p> <p>Motion passed \$450 for general, \$600 for D&O.</p>	<p>NANA to purchase both General Liability Insurance and D &O Insurance. Maura will continue work with ANI to affect the transaction.</p>
10 Min	<p>Strategic Planning – Land Use Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title for 3916 Reading now with City (1st property to be transferred with new powers of Landbank) NBD Market Study - Grant repurpose \$ 22,000 (of \$30,000 2011/2012) to remove underground storage Tanks and cleanup of property/remove cement to 	Tina Dyehouse Maura	<p>A Market Study feasibility study was planned with the \$30,000 NBDIP 2012 Grant; however, it is on hold due to the City requirement to remove the two Under Ground Storage tanks (UST) on the property for the City to take title. Worked on scope of study.</p> <p>Plan Cincinnati will be adopted shortly; NANA/NABA provided several pages of comments to the City, and Maura testified in front of the City Planning Commission. Adoption postponed.</p> <p>Bob Novak mentioned NBD Study completed 20 years ago; Maura thanked Bob for involvement, and stated it is the 1992 Economic Impact Analysis for which we have a</p>	<p>Plan Cincinnati adoption by the City Planning Commission was postponed; therefore, any final comments should be shared with the committee/NANA.</p> <p>Next SP-LU meeting 9/18 Goals and Objectives to detail action steps.</p>

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	<p>prevent dumping; parking may be affected RHC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals and Objectives to detail action steps 9/18 • Urban Design Overlay District existing (#7/14) • Continue to consider requesting City Planning Commission to Interim Development Control 		<p>copy and have reviewed. Several conclusions still seem applicable.</p> <p>Membership expressed appreciation to Tina and the Strategic Planning Committee for all that has been accomplished.</p>	<p>SP-LU/ NANA to continue to explore with City the possibility of implementing an Interim Development Control for our NBD.</p>
	<p>NANA/NABA Collaboration Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 Flower Pots from World Choir (req. 32). • Working group on Fall event formed • Grant submissions, Major/Minor • Bus. Directory/Frequent your local businesses (Greener and leaner from a nice walk) • Sign Sweep Code violation report received 	<p>Patricia/Maura</p>	<p>NBDIP Grants submitted: \$300,000 - Blighted Cornerstone NBD improvement 916 Reading and market study; \$30,000 for surveillance cameras to increase safety, will likely be reduced; competition is tough; currently City has \$3.8 million in request and only \$1.8 million for allocation.</p> <p>Noted patronage of two businesses, in spotlight the business: 1) Beauty Bar in the lobby of the Rosehill condominiums, and 2) PC4U of Clinton Springs, excellent experience with both!</p> <p>Resident questioned renovation on right of Sonny's and type of business planned. Discussed with Cricket owner (who owns building); while he is not sure, he believes it may be tire/auto assesory store as it was in past.</p> <p>A resident noted that there was grafitti on garage on Lenox.</p> <p>Jack Wolking noted he is working with MLS and should have a MLS decision soon on MLS correctly listing North Avondale (NA) properites as NA..</p>	<p>Join NABA if you own a business or rental property, Contact Patricia Baxter</p> <p>Clean-up the NBD this week Sat., 9/15, bus tour for grants.</p> <p>Charlene will set up meeting with Lina Orr, President of Paddock Hills Assembly, and Armory representative to follow up on activity in Armory.</p> <p>Charlene to follow up with owner of Coriolis Ceramics to ensure there is permission to get on roof to remove graffiti.</p> <p>Jack Wolking to obtain MLS decision.</p>
<p>5 Min</p>	<p>Property Maintenance Code Communication</p>	<p>John/Maura</p>	<p>Noted several properties not being kept up; letters should be sent to owners.</p>	<p>Report problem properties to Charlene Morse;</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters to be sent to owners Pilot: Vacant Foreclosed Residential Property Registration (ordinance # 195); 		<p>NA has 11th highest number of foreclosures (within City of all 52 neighborhoods). Zach Albertiz stated Evanston was working with Councilmember Qualls to address similar issue. Motion passed to request that NA be added to pilot.</p> <p>Several neighbors are taking care of vacant or neighbors yards (Cindy Starr cuts grass next door); NANA board expressed much appreciation!</p>	<p>Char/John to send letters, follow-up communication.</p> <p>NANA to request that NA be added to the Vacant For. pilot program (# 195).</p> <p>If vacant property grass too high, and can't take care of it, report to NANA. Lawnlife to mow for \$25 a yard. Need more Volunteers.</p>
10 min	<p>National Community Stabilization Trust (NCST)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3921 Warwick NANA \$1 offer, clean title obtained, HURC MOU Agreement negotiated to be executed Alarm System, lighting, Insurance and taxes Consider selling/developing (need funds)? 	Maura	<p>Motion from Reg Crutcher to continue to acquire properties if NANA determines it is financially feasible. Seconded by Jan Banks; motion passed.</p> <p>Resident discussed concern about too much Section 8 housing on Ardmore. Investor buying single family houses and converting to section 8. Also questioned how many Section 8 houses were permitted on one street. Several residents expressed view that section 8 is not necessarily bad; properties may have good landlords, and tenants are good neighbors; also expressed their belief that there are no limits per street.</p>	<p>NANA specifies requirements for buyer. (e.g., must fix outside first, sell to owner occupied buyer,) Obtain written bids and Proposals;</p> <p>NANA to follow up with CMHA to see if there are limits on how many Section 8 houses are permitted on one street/area.</p>
5 Min	Community Development Corporation (or similar funding / development conduit)	Maura	Motion by Reg Crutcher to create working group on CDC (or alternative structure/pros/cons.) Jan Banks seconded, motion passed.	If you are interested in investing, contact maurawolf100@gmail.com
5 Min	Ecosystem Committee	Pamela	Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) meeting held in August was well attended and several issues addressed. Next item on agenda is wildlife (coyotes). Jan and Mary expressed appreciation for MSD looking at Barry Lane drainage issue at Glen Lyon.	If you work on your water drainage/related issues, please inform your neighbors. Send thank you to MSD.
5 Min	Old Business Report received for NBD code	Charlene/ Maura	Addressed in various sections above.	

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	compliance; Lawnlife, will cut lawns for \$25;			
2 Min	New Business Plan Cincinnati Comments	Maura	Volunteers needed – Beautification projects, Health and Wellness for WeThrive and Adopt-a-Class; Ecosystem. Residents asked about recently renovated apartments, Asmann Apartments and Victory Place. Pauline Daly is Chair of Rental Housing Committee; meeting monthly to discuss best practices and other issues.	If you can help, please contact committee chair and Charlene Morse. NANA to inquire with property owners- Asmann and Victory.
	Adjournment	Maura	Jan Banks and Members expressed appreciation for all of NANA’s Committees (several newly formed) and their accomplishments!	