

NANA General Body Meeting Minutes 12/13/2022 6:30 pm
Held in conjunction with a Holiday Social-NABA Sponsored
Location: North Avondale Montessori School Cafeteria

Attendees: Walter & Sarah Koucky, Robin Senser, Officer Crutcher, Mel & Lois Nizny, Troy & Cindy Robinson, Sandesh Samdaria, Miles & Maura Wolf, Jan & Bob Banks, Rene Bell, Nialan Robinson, Sam Walker, Axel Jones, Trent, Marla & Tony Barone, Michael Caporale, Dave Harten, Paul & Amy Harten, Remco & Thais DeJong, Leather Wright, Sakinah Pitts, Roslind Fultz, Tommy Young, Tim & Clara Harkavy, Ann Wong, Mark Schuller, Rhonda Wrenn, Nia Terry, Dawn Flanigan Johnson, Louis & Jalli Flanigan, Linda Matthews, Sharon Louallen, David Emery.

Call To Order: Sarah Koucky requested motion to approve prior NANA meeting minutes, seconded by Walter Koucky and approved by general assembly.

General Body November 8, 2022, Meeting: Approved & recorded

Update-Sarah Koucky

1. Belvedere landscape, demo is completed, and the new plans look great. Shrubs and large boulder(s) are going in. Should be a big improvement to the Corner. Second parking lot is paved and nearly finished. A fence will be installed around the lot.
2. Apartment complex on the corner of Clinton Springs and Rose Hill is being converted to three high-end condos. Outside is nearly finished and work inside continues.
3. Cars illegally parked along Clinton Springs has been addressed. NANA will continue to monitor.
4. New 3-way stop signs have been installed at Wedgewood and Dickson. Painted lines will be installed in Spring 2023.
5. Liz Tye joined the Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC). There was a meeting in November, but Liz was not at this meeting to provide an update.
6. NANA is applying for NSP grant money for 2023. A total of \$9,872 is available. Proposal: \$5,000 for communication and the remaining \$4,872 is for beautification ("Look and Feel"). The general assembly voted on the use of these funds and passed unanimously.
7. Sarah & Walter met with councilwoman Meeka Owens. Councilwoman Owens is a resident of NA and is interested in supporting the neighborhood. The three walked areas to form a plan. More on this in later meetings.

Safety-Officer Crutcher

Officer Crutcher provided update on 882 Clinton Springs. Still considered a domestic incident. 3652 Reading Road installing security cameras/system after the Oct 6th shooting. Crime Stats are down about 14% for the 28-day rolling average. Crime is also down for the year. A question on traffic from a member

on auto violations; parking on the sidewalk, high beam lights while driving, running lights, jumping lights. Officer Crutcher said traffic enforcement is normally staffed at 25 people but now they are staffed at 11. The police are addressing the staffing issue.

Zoning-Walter Koucky

1. Walter said a zoning violation letter was sent to the city on 882 Clinton Springs. The city is working with us. There is no fire safety in the building. The building has mold inside. There has been gun fire and drugs on the property. 882 Clinton Springs is receiving state money to fund its operations. More on this in the future.
2. 726-730 Mitchell, the city is not working with us. The properties were vacant for over 365 days and they should now be zoned single family (SF-6). NANA is continuing its correspondence with the city.
3. Kingsley & Company is trying to redevelop the old National Guard Armory property (Victory Vistas) into a multi-unit senior living 55 and older. This will be a low income housing property. Kingsley is requesting seven variances, Hillside cut into, building set back further into the hillside and very near the school. There was to be a resolution in 14 days, and it has now been 30 days. NANA opposes the project based on the number of variances. A motion to oppose the current project was made as it is currently planned. The motion was seconded. The general assembly voted unanimously to oppose the project.
4. The city is focusing on neighborhoods to increase density through Additional Dwelling Units (ADUs). North Avondale is in their line of site. The push for North Avondale residents to rent out extra bedrooms, basement and attic rooms and carriage houses will become the focus as North Avondale is on main transit corridors. More on this in the future.

Website-Patrice Watson

Parallel publications need to roll in with current content. Delayed by about 30 days. Writers are needed and welcome to write on positive topics on the neighborhood. To do so, reach out to NANA @ nanacincinnati@gmail.com. A request was made to make the meeting minutes available on NANA's website. Most agreed that this is a good idea and would be considered with the release of the new website.

GCWW Update-Troy Robinson

There is a coalition of neighborhood councils/associations to address the inequity in the payment for lead service line replacement. Some homeowners have paid upfront, and some have been paying through their property taxes. The city has changed the program and all taxpayers will be paying for the service line replacement. Those who have already paid will be paying for others through the tax scheme. This is an individual homeowner issue and NANA cannot provide much help other than informing our neighbors. Dawn Neely/ Walnut Hills is running with this opposition. Anyone who has paid for the pipe replacement, they need to inform the coalition so that we can have a collective group

strengthen this opposition to the City and GCWW. See the newsletter for contact information.

NABA (North Avondale Business Association)-Maura Wolf

Introduction to four NABA Trustees present. NABA's annual grant (NBDSF) from the city was approved for the max of \$3,750. This funding is used primarily to beautify our business district, North Avondale banners, flowerpots, etc. Recently, the banners have been switched out to the holiday banners.

The city would like North Avondale to review and update the RFP for the development of the vacant lot at 3916 Reading Road, between Avondale Ave and Barry near Paddock. This lot used to be lined with businesses. The city is working on redesigning the intersection to improve access. Developers have noted the issues with ingress and egress to the property. NABA & NANA joint committee should be formed to update the Request for Proposal (RFP) for what we want the property to become. Previously a robust joint committee worked with the City to create a detailed RFP in 2018. In addition, NABA and NANA will be working together on the update to the North Avondale Master Plan, but the city is dragging its feet on providing city resources. The funding was approved through a Community Budget Request.

Maura thanked several Officers and Trustees for their hard work on new website, zoning, and other projects; as well as the caterer for the social, Jennifer Hughes.

Call to adjourn was made at 7:40 pm. All were in favor.