

NANA General Meeting 4/11/23 – North Avondale Rec Center 6:30 pm

**Call to order** – Sarah Koucky – approval of March 14, 2023 minutes passed unanimously.

**Vice Mayor** – Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney - office 513-352-5205: discussed the new residential tax abatement policy. There is a new three-tier system for property tax abatement (Lift, Expand and Sustain). Applications for abatement need to meet a certain requirement. Application for abatement is \$250. The different tiers have varying term lengths and maximum abatement levels with Lift getting the most benefit and sustaining the least. ADU would also potentially qualify as a tax-abated structure. The plan is to develop a dashboard to demonstrate the resources going to various neighborhoods in real-time. North Avondale is identified in the Lift tier for the Residential Tax Abatement policy.,

There is also a growth in homeowner assistance programs to help low and middle-income folks afford needed repairs (ADDI, HELP, HARBOR). These programs are not related to the tax abatement program.

**Budget** – The city budget is in process currently and will be finalized in the next two months. On May 30<sup>th</sup> the budget gets presented to council. June 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a public comment session. The budget will hopefully be voted on by June 14<sup>th</sup> but needs to be approved by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Tomorrow the Green Cincinnati plan will be presented. April 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am – public safety meeting regarding gun violence. Council members went to New York to view how they manage issues around gun violence.

Cincinnati Affordable Housing Fund – over 100 Million in funding from multiple programs. The housing advisory board oversees the spread of this program across neighborhoods. Question of how affordable housing can be placed in even high-income neighborhoods.

**District 4 Report** - Officer Trent Crutcher, Fire Department - Kuhn – Fire prevention discussion: Outdoor fire. The fire department is understaffed, but trying to catch up. The Fire Department hiring 54 now and 62 in June - 16-week training course. Avondale made 351 runs in the past month. Smoke detectors will be given out by the Red Cross to the local firehouses.

Shot Spotter is not accessible by the public, Insight is a reporting system that lags 5-7 days behind regarding shootings, and violent crime. For last month, 20 reported crimes – which is a 20% reduction overall. Reduction in auto thefts. The lack of officers is a major issue. They are also pulling people from special crime units back onto the street.

**Zoning** – Victory Vista Appeal Update – postponement was ordered. There was a dispute about whether a community council could appear before the zoning board without a lawyer. This was raised by the Victory Vista lawyer. Our main issue with the building on the site is regarding its hillside issues. The current map of the site is very inaccurate for a variety of reasons. The director of planning is responsible for the site map. The city council is considering landslide

legislation and making the process of building on a hillside more rigorous. April 20<sup>th</sup> is the next hearing. There is a meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> with Victory Vista and NANA board members.

**NABA update** – Maura Wolf – had a meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Working on the Master Plan.

**Law and Safety** – Carolyn Gillman – Not present. New Stop sign at Glen Lyon and Lennox. The nominating committee for the NANA board is being co-chaired by Carolyn.

**Website** – email marketing is doing well compared to other non-profits. 1250 subscribers to the newsletter.

**New Business** – None

**Adjournment** – Motion passes