

**NANA General Meeting Minutes – 3/14/2023, 6:30 pm**  
**North Avondale Montessori Cafeteria**

Attendees: Patrice Watson, Carolyn Gillman, Sandesh Samdaria, Robin Senser, Sarah Koucky, Walter Koucky, Jan & Bob Banks, Shawn Baker, Keith Crutcher, Michal Taggart, Troy Robinson, Matt Cornell, Dr. Mel Nizny, Margharita Melgari, Jack Wolking, Maura Wolf & Mike Marchal.

Sarah opened the meeting and called to order. Motion to approve 2/14/2023 meeting minutes. Walter moved to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

**District 4 Update – Officer Crutcher**

Lieutenant Tim Lander – is new to the district and introduced himself. Subsequently, Officer Crutcher reviewed the following:

- Hyundai and Kia auto thefts remain elevated in the area. Vehicles are easier than others to steal. Some of the thefts are youths going for joy rides. Officer Crutcher recommends owners of these vehicles pick up steering wheel locks/clubs at District 4.
- 3652 Reading Road shooting involving a resident of the property. The family is cooperating with the police and the police have a suspect.
- Bar 29 on Reading Road, a shooting occurred across the street from the establishment. The police investigation is ongoing.
- 726/728/730 Mitchel Avenue, a neighbor thought there was another incident at this property. Officer Crutcher is unaware of any issue/incident.

**BRT-Guest Speaker Mark Samaan – Short Range Planning Manager, Metro**

Mark Samaan presented Metro's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) study. Metro is studying the feasibility of installing rapid transit bus routes throughout the city's neighborhoods. Engineering designs have already been approved by the board and will be submitted for final transportation agency review and approval. The centralized route for North Avondale is Route 43. Proposed Route 43 will run from downtown through North Avondale to Reading with 24-hour service and increased frequency. Eventually, Route 43 will include Sharonville. The following are a few items included in the engineering study:

- The bus station for North Avondale is to be located near the corner of Reading Road and Dana/Clinton Springs. A station on each north and southbound lane.
- New modern, safe, and well-lighted bus stations (including shelters, benches, fare-for-purchase kiosks, and Wi-Fi).
- New buses would mostly be the articulating style.
- Digital signs with real-time arrival data.
- Smart traffic signals to provide BRT priority at intersections.
- Dedicated bus lanes where applicable.
- Eventually, switch to E-buses.

**Guest Speaker Bryan Cannon – Running for City of Cincinnati School Board**

- Supports current students and parents getting more involved
- Born in Boston
- 32 years in education
- Currently is employed at Mt. Healthy High School
- For more information, neighbors should reach out directly to Mr. Cannon

**Fire Department – Jeff Glassman, Truck 32**

Mr. Glassman joined the meeting to answer community fire/safety questions. There was one question "Does the fire station refill fire extinguishers?". He noted that the station does not refill extinguisher and homeowners should seek a reputable service company or purchase new. Mr. Glassman closed with the following:

- With the change in our clocks, change the batteries in your smoke alarm.
- Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors should be installed and in good working order.

### **Zoning Update – Walter Koucky**

Walter updated the community on the following issues:

- Victory Vista Appeal – The city is failing to follow their hillside regulations. NANA has provided information and data against this and believes that the city should follow its own codes. Our appeal is being challenged, not on NANA's technical data but, on NANA not having council. If a neighbor knows of an attorney that will provide her/his service gratis, please contact a NANA board member.
- NANA put together a proposal for improving Vine Street and Mitchell Avenue. Our proposal was sent to Meeka Owens. With the amount of traffic on these streets, the city has a new focus.
- North Avondale Master Plan – Meetings to rewrite the NA Master Plan have been set. The first meeting is Thursday April 6, 2023. Following meetings will be on the first and third Thursdays of the next few months. Should a neighbor like to help the master planning team, please reach out to a NANA board member.

### **NABA – Maura Wolf**

Maura presented the following:

- NABA's new website is up and running and it is a joint site with NANA's.
- Banners will be switched out in two/three weeks.
- Maura talked about NABA funding a lunch for our first responders and asked NANA to participate. NANA agreed to support the effort with \$750. A motion was made to support the funding by Jan Banks, seconded by Sarah and all other members approved.
- Maura thanked the NANA Board and all the volunteers for the great work on the website.
- The next NABA meeting will be held Thursday, 3/30 at the NA Rec Center. She encouraged all businesses in the neighborhood to join, even the cottage businesses are eligible.

### **New Business**

- Mike Marchal asked that the general meeting time be changed as he believes a different time will attract more neighbors to the general meeting. Mike agreed to supply the board with survey questions that will be added to NANA's website.
- Sandesh informed the group that young women and men at Walnut Hills need volunteer hours. He will work with his daughter to get a group of students to help NANA's Beautification committee.
- A sex offender has moved in the neighborhood potentially too close to North Avondale Montessori School. Carolyn will follow up on this.

Sarah announced the Annual Meeting is Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 3-5 Pm at the New School Montessori. She encouraged everyone to refer nominees to the Nominating Committee chaired by Carolyn Gillman.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sarah. It was seconded and all agreed. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.