

Minutes NANA General Body Meeting – February 13, 2024

Location – North Avondale Rec Center

Meeting Called to order at 6:30 pm by Sarah Koucky.

District 4 Report – Officer Crutcher & Lt. Lander - Overall 45% drop in crime over the last month. Had 3 auto thefts, but that is down 25%. A 52% drop in property crimes. Had shooting on Burton. No fatalities. Interviewed the victim who is not being cooperative so probably won't be able to make arrest. Suspect and victim both refuse to cooperate. Working with health department about chickens on Clinton Springs.

Presentation from Tri-state Trails Executive Director Wade Johnston – avid cyclist and outdoor enthusiast. Non-profit organization that collects data and promotes trails in area. Benefits: health, ability to access other communities and safety. Striving to build more protected infrastructure because it caters to wider audience. CROWN -35 mile trail loop around Cincinnati area is main focus right now. This includes Wasson Way which is the closest part to North Avondale. There is a new part of the trail that is in Avondale which will eventually connect to Wasson Way. Trail will extend from Blair Court to MLK & Reading Rd. Our community can advocate for other sections of different roads to make it bike friendly. Have to be vocal with city to advocate for our neighborhood. Also, partnering with neighboring community councils can be beneficial.

Treasurer's Report – Sandesh Samdaria: We have about \$29,000 in income with about \$10,000 in annual donations which is 50% more than the previous year. Final report for NSP grant from last year has been submitted. Volunteer hours calculate to about \$25,000 of donated time (based on \$15/hour). Adopt a Pot – NANA initiated a fundraising program to make up the difference between what we receive from NSP grant and the increase in the maintenance for flowe pots. In less than a month, we found 11 \$250 donors for this.

SKY Program – Rupa Samdaria: Initiated program with the sponsorship of NANA. Had first program with 16 teenagers participating. Out of 16 kids, 14 completed the program and offered feedback which was very positive. There is a video and comments on NANA's website.

Nominating Committee – Sarah Koucky: Board positions change in May. Can only be on board for a total of 4 years and two years in a position. We are accepting nominations for board positions that is available on NANA website. Annual meeting will be May 5th at the Belvedere.

Master Plan – Walter Koucky: Wrote letter about sidewalks to city – specifically Mark Jeffreys and mayor's office. An intern has been assigned to help us communicate with mayor's office. Concerns are about the website 311 and also safe sidewalks. Asked what we can do as a community to help keep our streets and sidewalks clean. Can we use youth volunteers or other suggestions?

Have kick-off meeting with contractor for Master Plan (Urban Fast Forward). Will be hearing more about this. Plan should be finished within a year. Also there is a concern about possible zoning change around Reading Rd. (Connected Communities). Article is in newsletter about this. Will organize letter-writing campaign about this. There will be two public meetings about this. Information is available on website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm by Sarah Koucky.