

NANA Board Meeting Minutes on June 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Sarah Koucky at 6:30 pm.

Approval of minutes from previous meeting (May 21, 2023). Some discussion and minor changes were made. Troy Robinson motioned to approve, and Carolyn Gillman seconded. Motion approved.

District 4 Report – Office Crutcher and Lt. Lander. Two shootings on Greenwood. Self-defense, no prosecution. 3850 Reading – The victim has been shot in the past and is extremely uncooperative. So at a dead end on that. Overall, stats for crime have gone down. Moving from auto thefts to thefts from autos. Don't leave things in your cars. Kias are still being stolen due to their vulnerability. Can get clubs for steering wheel from District 4 when they come in from Hyundai and Kia. Bar 29 had people in the middle of the street on a Friday, late at night. There was a fight in the bar and there was a mass exodus.

North Avondale will still be in District 4. Giving up Mt. Auburn and Walnut Hills and getting Clifton, Spring Grove Village, and Winton Hills. Will get additional officers from District 5. Should be mid or end of November. Concern about sex offender on Sturgis that was living next to a daycare. Officers have followed up and told us that either the daycare needs to file a grievance, or someone needs to come out to measure to see whether the daycare is less than 1,000 feet away from the residence.

Council Member Mark Jeffreys: Sarah Koucky introduced. Here to answer any questions. Pedestrian safety is one of his big concerns. Also, quality of life issues. Green issues such as manufacturing, and public transportation.

Ordinance for Legalization for Accessory Dwelling Units – Walter mentioned NANA's master plan and questioned where the councilman stood on some of the issues that concern NANA such as transportation and greener issues. Councilman feels that there should be choices in transportation – cars, biking, busing, etc. Spoke about CROWN (which Wasson Way is the beginning of). Creating a city that is irresistible to live in. Cincinnati is made up of 52 different neighborhoods each with different needs and desires. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) - create additional living spaces for people to live. Also allows seniors to have people living nearby to age in place. It is also naturally affordable. In Portland, over a 10-year period, there were only a small number of these types of dwellings that were created. So, it would not be a huge amount that would be added. There was more discussion about this later in the meeting. It may begin in October. Only one ADU for each residence even if there is a double lot. Hearing on June 21 @ 1:00 p.m. if anyone is interested.

Transportation – Dawn Johnson questioned Councilmember Jeffreys about making transportation more inclusive. A Guatemalan friend who spoke no English took a bus and Metro driver dropped her off on Vine Street in front of Walgreens. Ended up at Dawn Johnson's home in N. Avondale. She was only 17 years old. How can we prevent something like this from happening in the future? Making transportation more inclusive. Visually impaired individuals also have a problem in situations like this. Some cities have audible announcements which is a possibility.

Why the need for new housing and in what neighborhoods? We are growing nominally as a city – last year we added 2000 people. Need to grow as a city. Only adding 500 housing units per year. The existing cost of housing rises because of the small supply. Need to expedite the permit process for creating new housing. Every neighborhood is different as far as crime and thus financing issues. Some neighborhoods want more affordable housing vs market-rate housing.

Downtown Residential Living – Are there policies in the city that will work towards changing office space to living space? Macy's building is being renovated to residential. Previously Kroger grocery store was surface parking and the city made no money. Levels of parking now and two floors of living space. More lucrative for the city.

Remote working – losing out on revenue due to people working at a home that is not in Cincinnati. Some companies may come back as a hybrid and will require less office space and fewer lunch places. How do you utilize places in a different way? That is the challenge.

NABA – Maura Wolf – NABA meeting on June 27th @ 6:30 pm. Will be starting a nominating committee and are looking for NABA board members. NABA gave North Avondale flags to Sarah to give as gifts in the neighborhood. Lunch for first responders is co-sponsored by Funky's and they are suppliers of the sandwich trays. Hope to do it in the last couple weeks of June.

Xavier will open Medical School in 2027. There will be housing and building issues in the future. The developer of 790 Clinton Springs is looking for contacts and information about what possible uses for this building. Trying to hook Xavier up with the developer. Patrice also reached out to DAAP about possible housing in this building. He is looking for ideas before he starts renovating. Not cost-effective to make separate units.

Also, start thinking about Community Budget Requests for next year. We are proposing a brainstorming session on August 8, 2023.

Youth Sky Program – Sandesh Samdaria – Needs to be approved by the general body before we can proceed. The program uses breath to have clarity and better focus in mind. Sandesh has been teaching the adult version of this program as a volunteer. Sandesh's wife Rupa teaches this to children as a volunteer. An evidence-based program that helps calm your mind and contributes confidence and resilience for kids and teens in our neighborhood and surroundings. Established in 1997, in Geneva, the National Association of Human Values (501(c)3) utilizes breath, yoga, meditation, and other activities to teach resiliency, positivity, and mindfulness. An evidence-based program that has been in existence for many years. It helps to manage stress and social learning, awareness and conflict resolution, and anger management. The program can begin at age 8. Sky Teens (ages 13-17) and Sky Kids (ages 8-12) program. The workshop is 4 consecutive days (possibly over Labor Day weekend) 2-3 hours daily and builds on previous days' practices. Usually costs \$200 per child. Can get a package deal of \$4,000 for 25 kids or \$5,000 for 50 kids. Partner with Avondale Youth Council and Shiloh Church to offer the workshop to kids in those neighborhoods. Pastor Bryant from Shiloh Church spoke about the need for a program such as this with the kids that he works with. Sandesh has applied for a grant through Hamilton County for \$5,000 so may not need to lay out any money for this program. Some are concerned about the liability of NANA in case some parents are not satisfied or happy with the program. Association of Human Values has its own liability insurance and Invest in Neighborhoods also provides some Insurance for NANA. Need a Certificate of Insurance from the Association of Human Values to show that we are a certificate holder. Also, it is good to have NANA involved in the community in a positive way and reach out to neighboring communities. Moved and seconded. Approved to spend \$5,000 for this program.