

North Avondale Neighborhood Association

Minutes – General Body Meeting held on March 12, 2024.

Location – North Avondale Recreation Center @ 6:30 pm.

Meeting called to order @ 6:35 pm. by Patrice Watson who is leading the meeting in lieu of Sarah Koucky who is out of town.

District 4 Report – Officer Crutcher: General property crimes are down including auto thefts (67%). The total drop is 46%. Was a homicide on Burton. The suspect was immediately arrested who admitted to the murder. Property issues on 882 Clinton Springs. In the process of fixing problems there. Also, on Clinton Springs – an illegal chicken farm is still in process of being closed down. Ghouls on Street – was a fire in building needs to be cleaned up soon. Across the street there is a new owner and they are in process of correcting problems there. Question about shrine on Reading Rd to commemorate a fatal traffic accident there. How long can these shrines remain? The sidewalk is not allowed to be obstructed but there is a sensitivity issue involved. They tend to remain for a long time. Also a question about the house on the corner of Clinton Springs and Dixon. Complaints have been made. There were possible squatters on property and mud and nails are a nuisance. Officer Crutcher will look into it further. Patrice suggested contacting Carolyn Gillman about some of these issues.

Treasurer's Report – Sandesh Samdaria: NSP proposal has been turned in. The allocation is nearly \$6,000 which is down from last year. Proposal review is the following Tuesday.

SKY Program – Sandesh Samdaria: Sky kids (ages 8=12) was held last month. Looking forward to having another program in May (Memorial Day weekend). People in other neighborhoods can register for a \$100 fee.

Beautification – Patrice Watson: Bridget McComas was not available so presentation by Patrice. Beautification dates are on the events calendar. NANA won a beautification/spring cleanup award from Love thy 'Nati associated with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful.

Nominating - Patrice Watson: Need two new board members for Board in May. Also committee chairmans are needed. Still looking for volunteers. Reach out to Troy Robinson if interested.

City of Cincinnati – CBR meeting – to review capital budget request process. Location is at North Avondale Rec Center. Would be a good time to speak up about the loss of city money this year. Date was not mentioned.

April 13th clean-up.

April 20th -Neighborhood Summit – Dawn Johnson: Possibility of having a panel from North Avondale at the Summit. Dawn would like to bring some people together to be on the panel. Dawn submitted a proposal for the panel and is waiting to hear if the city will place this panel on the agenda. This leads to a discussion about Connected Communities. Patrice, Maura and Sarah attended a meeting the previous weekend that was organized by other city neighborhood

organizations to discuss Connected Communities and their feelings about this initiative. More than 20 communities were represented. Every community has concerns from their vantage point. Each community will write their ideas to the city. Connected Communities information is on the City of Cincinnati site. The link is also on the NANA website. A handout was also available. Reading Road is identified as a Tier 1 corridor which means that ½ mile on either side of Reading would be higher density (unlimited). This includes most of North Avondale. NANA will take a stance on this issue and send it to the city and inform the neighborhood. This will occur at the next Executive Board Meeting in April. We will be sending out a digital survey to get the opinions of more people in the community.

Lynn Miller/Fair Districts Ohio/Citizens not politicians – speaker talking about the gerrymandering in the state of Ohio. Her organization is trying to get a possible solution on the ballot for different regulations for redistricting in Ohio.

<https://www.fairdistrictsohio.org/>

This is a link to their website and information about the Fair Districts proposal. There was also an opportunity to sign a petition to have this on the ballot in November.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Robin Senser

Recording Secretary, NANA