

## **NANA General Body Meeting Minutes 9/12/23**

### **Call to Order –**

**Officer Crutcher** – Violent crime – no shooting since July 4<sup>th</sup>. Minimal violent crime. Auto thefts are still up. Chicken coups – handled the Cincinnati Health Department deals with these issues because it is live stock.

### **Sarah Koucky**

Porch Fest – 992 Marion Hall – Friday September 29, 2023 5-10 pm. Bands, Hibachi Grill, Bouncy house, ice cream, snow cones. \$2,000 – but asking for \$2,571. Volunteers will be needed. House of Matt and Heather Ruehl.

Annual Membership/Fund Drive – Moved to December from May. Last year took in ~\$8,000 in the past 9 months. Probably electronic drive + letter/envelop and/or card. Idea to hand write notes to past donors and spread them out among NANA members. Targeting to increase donations to \$100 on folks that previously donated \$25-\$50. There was a discussion on whether NANA should be more transparent with the general body regarding finances and will the transparency improve people's commitment to NANA. We could consider developing monthly reports to share at the meeting and online.

### **Sandesh Samdaria**

Sky Program Update – Sandesh was planning to have it on Labor Day, now shooting for the next 2-4 months. Might get \$5,000 from the county. Interest from Shiloh Baptist and Avondale Youth counsel as well as others. 3-day program for 3 hours each or a 4-day program. NAACP also has a youth counsel that might be interested.

**Walt Koucky** – Zoning – Master plan update – Gabriel Couch (Abby) City planner came out to the meeting. They are close to finalizing contract with Urban Fast forward consultant. Clear focus on our business district. We may move forward in the next 6 months to 1 year.

### **Bridget McComas**

Beautification – has lived here for 10 years on Warwick Ave. Working on organizing a community event around Washington Triangle. We collaborate with Cincinnati Parks regarding Seasongood. NSP fund to help with the flower pot contract. Jack Wolking offered \$500 donation to maintain Washington Triangle.

**Speaker** – Dan Zavon – Rank Choice Voting and Proportional Representation. Audricia Brooks introduced the speaker. Rank Choice voting was last on the ballot in 2008. The highest it has ever gotten is 47%. Plan would make for automatic run offs. Would also tend to provide more proportional representation. Cincinnati has had rank choice voting in the past but it was repealed in the 50s largely because of its success in electing minorities. Organization if rank the vote Ohio, also fair vote Ohio.

**New Business** - None

**Adjournment** – motioned and approved